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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Positivity highest in 6 weeks

HIGHER RISK FOR UNVACCINATED:

Unvaccinated residents have been about five times as likely to test positive as the vaccinated, according to state numbers released Thursday. As of Thursday, 80.3% of all residents and 91.9% of those 12 and older had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose.

Hospitalizations continue to show slight uptick as experts warn 'there's still a disease out there'

By Alex Putterman
Hartford Courant

As has been the case all week, Connecticut's COVID-19 data Thursday showed a small uptick in the state's seven-day positivity rate and its number of patients hospitali-

tized, a potential early sign of a cold-weather spike.

The number of deaths since the pandemic began increased to 8,809, increasing by 33 since the previous Thursday.

Connecticut's positivity rate stands at the highest it has been in

more than six weeks, while hospitalizations are at their highest level in nearly a month.

At Hartford HealthCare, COVID-19 hospitalizations have increased from 65 on Oct. 29 to 90 currently, senior system director for infection prevention Keith Grant said Thursday.

"People still need to appreciate that we're still in a pandemic phase," Grant said. "There's still a

disease out there."

Cases and positivity rate: Connecticut reported 540 new COVID-19 cases on Thursday out of 22,343 tests, for a daily positivity rate of 2.42%. The state's weekly COVID-19 positivity rate now stands at 2.40%, up slightly from Wednesday and the highest it has been since Sept. 23.

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INFRASTRUCTURE

Bill drives a split in GOP

Some Republicans, voters spew fury at 13 who backed plan

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The last time Congress approved a major renewal of federal highway and other transportation programs, the votes were 359-65 in the House and 83-16 in the Senate. It was backed by nearly every Democrat and robust majorities of Republicans.

This year's \$1 trillion infrastructure bill easily cleared the Senate 69-13 with GOP support, but crawled through the House last week by 228-206 with just 13 Republican votes. Those defectors were savaged afterward by former President Donald Trump, and hard-right Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Ga., called them "traitors" while tweeting their names and office telephone numbers. One of the 13 says he received a death threat.

The votes, six years apart, and the harsh blowback against some Republicans illustrate a GOP in which many conservative voices have grown louder and more militant, fanned by Trump's bellicose four years in office.

"This madness has to stop," said Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., an 18-term moderate, who said his offices received dozens of threatening calls following his yes vote. That included one obscenity-laced rant that aides provided in which the caller repeatedly called Upton a "traitor" and expressed hope that the lawmaker, his family and aides would die.

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Hartford Public High School football coach Harry Bellucci, shown on the school's football field Wednesday, is retiring after 42 years working in Hartford's school system. Former players say Bellucci, 64, worked to build relationships that went beyond the sidelines, and the coach agrees. "What we do here is so much more important than wins and losses," he said. "We give these kids stability that they've never had." Bellucci's final game will be at Sheehan tonight in Wallingford.

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New UConn coach Jim Mora was UCLA's coach from 2012-2017, leading the Bruins to bowl appearances in each of his first four seasons. "I have a burning desire to coach again for many reasons," Mora said. "I love being on the sidelines, the competitiveness of recruiting, and I love the relationships. ... Once we got into this... I became very passionate about this opportunity." **AP FILE**

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Upton closed his two Michigan offices for a day and reopened them after increasing security.

This year's bill, triple the size of the 2015 measure, is a keystone of President Joe Biden's push to create jobs and build out the nation's roads, water systems, broadband coverage and other projects. A compromise between Senate Democrats and Republicans, it will send money into every state and is the kind of bill that politicians have loved promoting back home for decades.

Biden plans to sign it Monday.

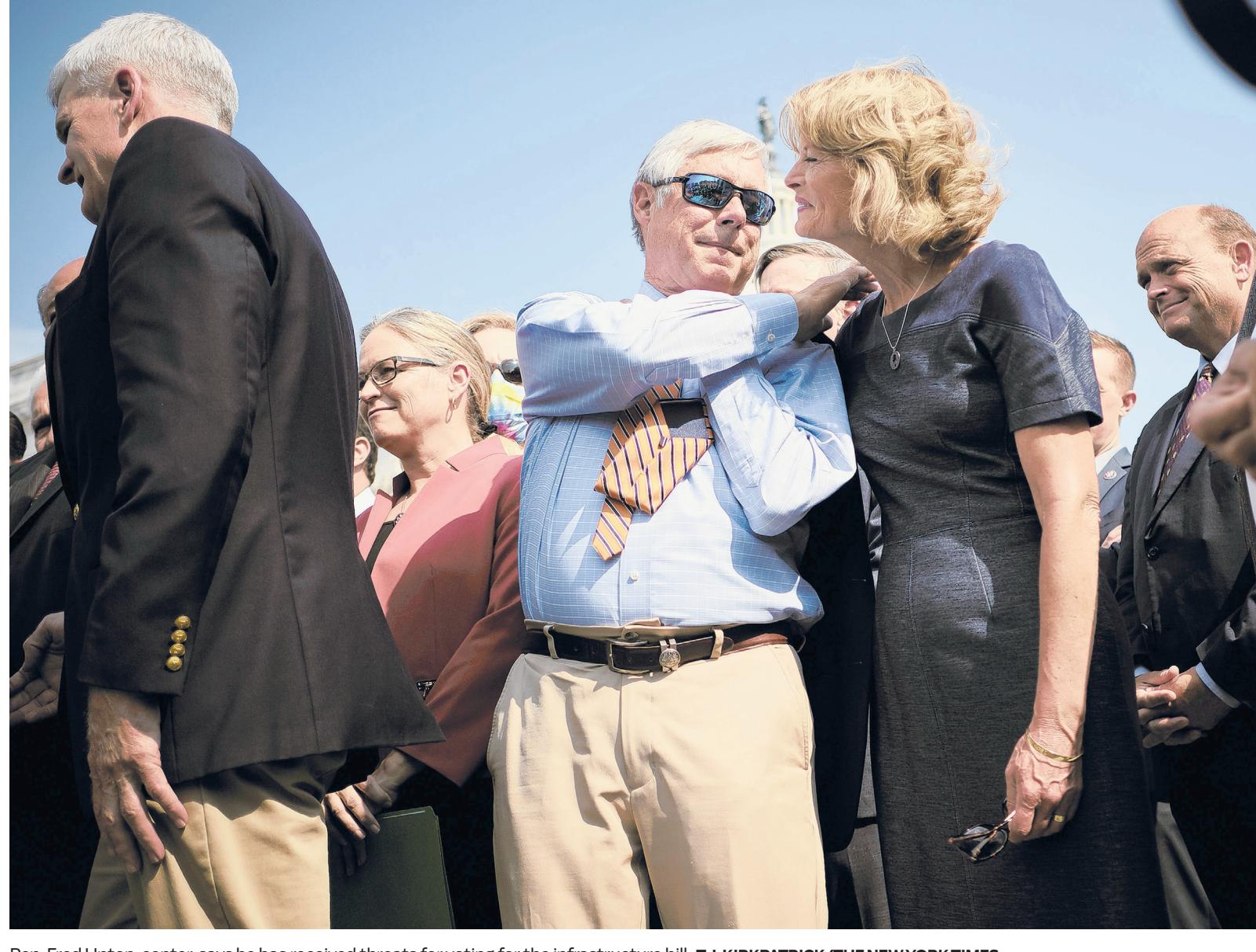
Democrats say GOP opposition to the bill is indefensible on policy and political grounds.

"It's a sad statement of how the other party has lost its way," said Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, D-N.Y., who's leading the House Democratic political arm into a 2022 campaign in which Republicans have solid chances of capturing congressional control. "If you want our country to fail so you can say things are bad and win power for yourself, you act like the House Republicans are."

But for many Republicans, infrastructure projects — once an issue the two parties would reflexively work together on for mutual and national benefit — now offer a complex political calculation.

"When it comes to policy these days, we're basically divided into two tribes. And you stick with your tribe and you don't try to help the other tribe," said Glen Bolger, a GOP pollster.

As president, Trump repeatedly promised his own massive infrastructure plan yet never produced one. But he opposes the current package, and his ability to rally his conservative supporters against those who cross him was a factor as GOP lawmakers decided how to vote.



Rep. Fred Upton, center, says he has received threats for voting for the infrastructure bill. T.J. KIRKPATRICK/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Even so, hard-right cries for retaliation against the 13 pro-infrastructure Republicans, largely moderates from the Northeast and Midwest, have prompted their own pushback.

"This notion that we're going to have people that are on the fringe, in terms of the Marjorie Taylor Greenes of the world and others, imposing some kind of a purity test on substance is lunacy," Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., said.

Cheney has been at war with Trump and the party's far right ever since backing his impeachment early this year.

Cheney opposed the bill, saying it contained clean

energy and other provisions that would hurt Wyoming. She said the 13 Republicans who backed it are "among some of our very best members" who did it "because it was the right thing for their districts."

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., was among 19 Senate Republicans who voted for the bill in August. McConnell, who doesn't have to worry about being reelected until 2026, said this week he was "delighted" the measure was heading to Biden.

A day earlier, McConnell had already drawn Trump's wrath.

Trump issued a statement denigrating GOP

senators who'd backed the bill for "thinking that helping the Democrats is such a wonderful thing to do." Those Republicans "should be ashamed of themselves, in particular Mitch McConnell," Trump wrote.

In an interview, Rep. Andy Biggs, leader of the conservative House Freedom Caucus, said GOP lawmakers should consider removing from their posts the 10 of the 13 defectors who are the senior Republican on committees and subcommittees.

"I respect their right to vote their districts and their conscience. But that doesn't mean that they should get the privilege of leading"

House Republicans, said Biggs, R-Ariz.

Earlier, House GOP leaders tweeted, and then deleted, that "Americans won't forget" a vote for the "socialist" infrastructure bill. "Time to name names and hold these fake republicans accountable," tweeted Rep. Lauren Boebert, R-Colo.

Before last week's vote, House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., said it would be "very difficult" for Republicans to promote backing the infrastructure bill during their campaigns because it is so closely linked to Democrats' accompanying \$1.85 trillion social and climate measure, which the GOP

has opposed.

Rep. Jeff Van Drew, R-N.J., who switched parties in 2019, said he supported the infrastructure bill because his state would receive over \$20 billion "we desperately need."

Van Drew, who said he had heard "some cranky things" from some people, scoffed at the notion that the bill would "catapult the president" politically.

"If Marjorie Taylor Greene wants to be mean to me, that's fine," he said of the colleague who labeled him and 12 others traitors. "I love America very much. I would never ever do anything to hurt this country."

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Mora

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where he led the Atlanta Falcons within one game of the Super Bowl, and in the Pac 12, where he took UCLA to four bowl games, a stacked resume to take over a program ranked at or near the bottom of the 130 teams in FBS in most categories.

"I have a burning desire to coach again for many reasons," Mora said. "I love being on the sidelines, the competitiveness of recruiting, and I love the relationships. ... Once we got into this, my juices started to flow and I became very passionate about this opportunity."

He has also been fired three times as a head coach and spent most of the last four seasons as a TV analyst. But he is a national name and will coach for \$1.5 million a year over the next five years, less than half what he was making at UCLA or in the NFL.

However, he made it clear to UConn's hierarchy that his heart was in the pursuit of this job, and the fire was in his belly.

"There was no one more committed or enthusiastic or showed more inter-

est than Coach Mora did," Benedict said. "Some brought his name up to me and said, 'This is what this program needs.' He wasn't necessarily on my short list of candidates."

Once Benedict zeroed in, he went to Ketchum, Idaho, and spent four days getting to know Mora and formulating a plan to lift the Huskies, who have not had a winning season in 10 years, to relevance as an independent FBS program.

"I was brutally honest about the opportunity and the challenge," Benedict said. "I needed to make sure he was fully committed, fully aware, fully prepared to take this on. He will come in with his eyes wide open."

Talking to Benedict and other university and state leaders, the opportunity "reached in and grabbed me," Mora said. "This is the right place for me, and the right time."

Mora, itching to get back into coaching, became interested when Randy Edsall departed on Labor Day and has been following the Huskies (1-8) on TV.

He will join the program immediately as a hands-off assistant coach and take over Nov. 29, the day after the season ends. Interim

coach Lou Spanos, who was Mora's defensive coordinator at UCLA in 2012-13, will remain in charge of game-planning until that time.

Mora, whose full name is James Lawrence Mora, is the son of longtime NFL head coach James E. Mora, who had a successful career in New Orleans and Indianapolis and is best known for colorful press conference rants, especially when a reporter asked him about the Colts playoff chances.

The younger Mora, who graduated from Washington in 1984, began coaching under Don Coryell with the San Diego Chargers in '85, and joined his father in New Orleans as the Saints' defensive backs coach. He was later defensive coordinator with the San Francisco 49ers.

He was hired as head coach by the Falcons in 2004 and led them to an NFC South division title and to the NFC Championship Game, where they lost to the Philadelphia Eagles. Atlanta went 8-8 and 7-9 the next two years, and Mora was fired. Owner Arthur Blank was annoyed late in 2006 when Mora mused in a radio interview that he wanted to coach at his alma

mater.

Mora went on to the Seattle Seahawks as an assistant and took over for retiring Mike Holmgren in 2009 but was fired after a 5-11 first season.

Starting at UCLA in 2012, Mora led the Bruins to a 37-16 record and bowl appearances in each of his first four years but was fired in 2017 after back-to-back losing seasons.

Mora earned as much as \$3.5 million per year during his time at UCLA, twice what he'll be making to get back into coaching at UConn.

He had three years and \$12 million left on his contract when he was fired by the Seahawks.

Mora's contract calls for \$1.5 million the first year, and performance incentive clauses could be worth another \$200,000 per year.

The UConn job opened when Edsall abruptly announced his plan to retire after a loss to Holy Cross in Week 2. The next day, Benedict and Edsall decided to make his departure immediate and Spanos was named interim coach. The Huskies play at Clemson on Saturday.

"From what I've watched

on TV, I see a team that's

going through a really difficult transition but is continuing to fight for each other, play hard, demonstrate effort and a good attitude," Mora said. "That's something we can build on. ... We have to make incremental gains every single day."

Benedict wanted to have his new coach in place Dec. 1, which may have been problematic for coaches working in the NFL right now, such as former Temple and Miami head coach Al Golden, who is with Cincinnati Bengals, and former Penn State associate head coach Sean Spencer, a Hartford native who is with the New York Giants.

Golden, Spencer and former UConn offensive coordinator Joe Morehead, now at Oregon, were on UConn's radar, according to multiple sources, but Benedict said he would not offer specifics on the process until Nov. 29, when an in-person introductory press conference is planned in Storrs.

UConn has not had a winning season since making the Fiesta Bowl in 2011 under Edsall, who left for Maryland after that game.

They have since had five

coaches, Paul Pasqualoni, interim T.J. Weist, Bob Diaco, Edsall a second time, and Spanos.

Between coaching stints, Mora has been a TV analyst with NBC, the NFL Network and, most recently, with ESPN's college football coverage.

In rebuilding UConn, he wants to "build a fence" around Connecticut to do a better job of connecting with high school coaches and identifying in-state talent.

"We need to make sure every single good football player in Connecticut has a burning desire to be a Husky," Mora said.

After years of losing, the task of turning the program around and drawing more fans to Rentschler Field will take time, but Mora says he is ready to embrace it. He was asked to describe his kind of team.

"A team that plays with great discipline," he said. "Great toughness, plays with a passion that jumps out at people whether in stands or at home watching on TV. Elite effort at all times. I want people to be proud of our football team."

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Bellucci

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er-in-law, Eric Mangini, the then-Cleveland Browns head coach, to lobby for a tryout. Mangini agreed to take a look and eventually signed Sanford. Today, Sanford, 34, is closing in on his teaching certificate.

"I always say to the guys, 'If you make the NFL, that would be great,'" said the 64-year-old Bellucci. "I don't know if I'll come to see you play a game, but I'll definitely come to your graduation." Sitting there at Temple and watching Brian Sanford and [twin brothers Eli and Peanut] Joseph cross the stage, I was so choked up."

Sanford and Eli Joseph are among the many who stop by practice or come to games regularly. Multiply one success story by dozens, by the number of alums who crowded the sidelines last Friday for Bellucci's last home game or by hundreds.

"I coach for relationships," Bellucci said, as he prepared to coach his final high school football game after 42 years at Sheehan in Wallingford on Friday.

"What we do here is so much more important than wins and losses," Bellucci said. "We give these kids stability that they've never had."

Bellucci's assistants, paid or volunteer, are apt to offer rides home, maybe a \$5 sub from Red Rock Restaurant. He often dials up his alums if someone needs shoes or clothes, and they are there for him as it was once the other way around.

"Coach Bellucci had major impact on my life and many other former players and friends of mine," said Eli Joseph, who played briefly in the NFL and is now in real estate and a motivational speaker. "Growing up in Hartford, we didn't have many positive male role models. And coming to Hartford High, he made it clear it was about more than football. He changed our perspective on life."



Hartford Public High football coach Harry Bellucci, shown with player Gabriel Santos, has been pointing Hartford kids in the right direction for 42 years. He's coaching his last game tonight, retiring from the city's school system at the end of the year.

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Hartford Public — it doesn't matter the sport or season, it's the kids he coaches. He's in his 38th year as a teacher there.

"This field is an extension of the classroom," Bellucci said. "This marking period we had seven kids make the honor roll, and I wasn't very happy with that number because I wanted it to be more. You have to be a student first."

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Bellucci, 64, decided it was time to make a change. He enjoyed the time away with his family — his wife, Brenda, and their three daughters — pursuing interests like golf, landscaping and cooking, but he couldn't go out of a canceled 2020 football season. He determined he would coach one year on the artificial turf field he fought for years to get installed.

"Damned if I wasn't going to coach one full year on this field," he said as he made his way up to the bleachers to survey his domain before a recent practice. His final home game, a 17-14 loss to East Catholic, was the school's first night game.

Temporary lights were rolled in behind the high school.

Bellucci will coach swimming one more season and retire from teaching at the end of the school year.

"I hope [the next coach] is as great as Bellucci," Hartford Public senior Christian Garcia said. "I hope he cares about his players as much as Bellucci does and keeps going on with everything."

Coach Bellucci left off. He is like a father figure to me.

He always leads me in the right direction, even if I'm doing bad. He lets me know if I'm on the right path or the wrong path."

Junior Chris Pineida swims and plays football for Bellucci.

"He's been there through all my seasons," Pineida said. "He's a coach that cares about his players. He shows you what you've got to do. When I started as a freshman, during this practice I was really messin' up, and he was patient enough to go play by play. He was persistent. He didn't give up. He actually cared."

It won't be just a handshake

When Jack LaPlante retired after the 2003 season, Bellucci got the chance to run the Owls football program and left his alma mater in the South End. "And we were wondering, could we trust this Bulkeley guy?" Sanford said.

He lost his first game, 72-0, to a powerhouse Bloomfield squad, then beat Maloney 18-7 for his first win. As he collected his players' dirty uniforms, they were sneaking off to sign the game ball and surprised him with it as he stuffed the muddy jerseys into the washer.

"I still have that game ball," Bellucci said. "It's on my desk."

The Owls reached the state playoffs in 2004. In his role as chairman of the CIAC football committee and his work with the Governor's Cup all-star game, Bellucci became friends with Shee-

han coach John Ferrazzi, young enough to be his son. Bellucci, ever the listener, has taken some modern ideas about organization and X's and O's from Ferrazzi, who he considers one of the most talented coaches in the state, in exchange for his old school advice on handling kids and raising daughters.

"Since I've known Harry, something I've learned from him is how he has always made everything about the kids and developing those relationships," Ferrazzi said.

"Harry and I instantly had a connection. With the age gap, he's been a huge mentor to me. We talk year-round.

If I need advice on something, Harry is one of the top names on my list."

They'll play each other for the first time on Friday in a nonconference game.

"To play him as a friend and play him in his last game, I don't know if you'd call it bittersweet or what," Ferrazzi said.

"When the game is over, I can tell you it won't just be a handshake and walk away. Knowing that for him it's the end of an era, I'll need to take that opportunity to make sure he knows how much I value him and his friendship and how much I love him."

I've done what I could'

As his final football season has raced to the end, Bellucci, who wears his emotions on his cuffs, has heard from former students and players and found himself thinking about the difference he has made, or tried to make.

If he ever doubted there have been more wins than losses (his record at 83-97-1), they have assured him otherwise and often bring a tear to his eye.

"I reunited on Facebook with a girl I coached 20 or 25 years ago, and she [responded], 'Thank you, Coach. Thank you for all that you did. You helped

me keep my head level,'" Bellucci said. "She was a tough kid. You being there for me whenever I was having a bad day made a big difference in my life and the things you taught me, I use today with my kids. C'mon, that's awesome."

"... I was at Western Connecticut [for 2018 graduation] and Kalil Patterson, an all-state player for me who was just sort of nowhere his first two years, and then he committed to being part of the team and doing the things he needed to do, and now he's a social worker for the state of Connecticut. I mean, I live for that moment. That kid went from who-knows-what to a successful person.

There have been so many kids over the years who I feel have done great things after they left here. We've had over 60 kids play football in college, and 90 percent of them have graduated.

"To me, that's everything. It's just an awesome feeling."

Bellucci is leaving the school, the pool and the sidelines, but not Hartford or its kids. He remains on the board of directors for the Police Athletic League and hopes to work with expanding youth football to ready players for Hartford Public, Bulkeley and the renewed program at Weaver. He won't name a preference for his successor, but does feel strongly that the next football coach at Hartford Public also be a teacher at the school.

"I want my legacy to be that I was a Hartford kid from a single-parent family and that I dedicated my life to helping city kids from mostly single-parent families," Bellucci said. "And if I could provide them with something to help them grow into a better person, then I've done what I could."

The United States has now recorded 759,238 deaths related to COVID-19, according to the New York Times.

Vaccinations: As of Thursday, 80.3% of all Connecticut residents and 91.9% of those 12 and older had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, while 71.2% of all residents and 81.7% of those 12 and older were fully vaccinated, according to the CDC.

Additionally, 14.6% of fully vaccinated Connecticut residents have received a booster dose.

With the state's booster shot rollout well underway, vaccine providers in Connecticut administered 117,925 doses from Oct. 30 through Nov. 6, most in a week since mid-May.

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Calls grow for climate reparations

Sturgeon urges rich countries to follow Scotland's pledge

By Somini Sengupta

The New York Times

GLASGOW, Scotland — For as long as there have been international climate talks, Saleemul Huq, a botanist from Bangladesh, has quietly counseled diplomats and activists on the prickliest question: What is owed to countries least responsible for the problem of global warming but most harmed by its effects — and by whom?

Year after year, calls have steadily grown louder for industrialized nations responsible for the greenhouse gas emissions already heating up the planet to own up to the problem — and pay for the damage.

This year, demands for redress have sharpened as climate justice has become a rallying cry, not just from countries in the global south, like Huq's, but from a broad range of activists, especially young people, in the United States and Europe. They have peaked in Glasgow: As negotiations close this week, a major point of contention between rich and poor countries is whether the final summit document will acknowledge the need for a separate pool of money to address historic harms.

Every country has to agree on every word in the text.

Known by sterile code words crafted to avoid blame, "loss and damage," that fund would be separate from money to help poor countries adapt to a changing climate, its proponents have argued. Loss and damage is a matter of



An officer records activists protesting on the sidelines of the COP26 summit Thursday in Scotland. ANDY BUCHANAN/GETTY-AFP

historic responsibility and would pay for irreparable losses, such as the disappearance of national territory, culture and ecosystems, they said.

"The term 'loss and damage' is a euphemism for terms we're not allowed to use, which are 'liability and compensation,'" Huq said. "'Reparations' is even worse."

The United States, which is the largest emitter of greenhouse gases historically, has long been cool to the idea. But in Glasgow, it signed a statement agreeing to "increase resources" for loss and damage, without committing to anything

more specific.

The U.S. climate envoy, John Kerry, said Thursday that any agreement on loss and damage would have to shield countries from legal claims. "We're going to work hard to deal with that issue over here," he said.

In the real world, beyond the windowless chambers where negotiators are arguing over the words of the final document, three factors have made it harder to ignore the demands for loss and damage money.

Courts around the world are already hearing liability cases against governments and fossil fuel companies, and in some cases ruling

against those governments and companies for the damages they have already caused.

Second, it has become impossible for leaders of wealthy countries to ignore big-ticket losses and damages when extreme weather events exacerbated by rising temperatures are taking a toll in their own countries, including record wildfires this year in California and floods in Germany.

"We have entered what I call the era of loss and damage," Huq said.

Nicola Sturgeon, prime minister of Scotland, broke something of a taboo among rich countries. She said Scot-

land would devote about \$2.8 million to address what it called "structural inequalities."

"Finance is key to this not as an act of charity but as an act of reparation," she said Thursday at the summit. She called on rich countries to "start to pay their debt to the developing countries around the world."

Huq called Sturgeon's announcement a vital nudge. Scotland, after all, describes itself as the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution, a center of shipbuilding and heavy industry, which profited from British colonialism and the African slave trade before that.

Scotland's pledge is "not for charity, not for helping poor people, but taking responsibility and paying a debt to the people who are going to be affected," Huq said.

The latest draft statement from the summit, released Wednesday, says little about loss and damage except to cite the "urgency of scaling up action and support, including finance" for loss and damage. It says nothing specific about setting up a separate funding stream nor how much. This led a bloc of island nations to say that emerging economies would not put forth more ambitious emissions reductions targets, "if we don't scale up the provision of finance, and this includes the long overdue recognition of a separate and additional component for loss and damage."

A fight on the issue is expected in the closing hours of the summit.

Estimates of the amount of money required to address loss and damage varies widely, from roughly \$300 billion to \$600 billion a year by 2030. At the moment, rich countries have failed to shore up the \$100 billion they promised to deliver annually by 2020. That aid is designed to help countries adapt to climate change; it doesn't include funds to address permanent damage.

This week, negotiators from developing countries working on language around loss and damage said their counterparts from wealthy nations had not yet agreed to include any specific reference to a separate fund for loss and damage.

"We will make them change their mind," Huq said.

Vaccination tweet lands Big Bird in political flap

Conservative media, politicians aim ire at iconic kids' character

By Kimberlee Krueger

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Smokey Bear taught kids the importance of preventing wildfires. McGruff the Crime Dog warned them not to talk to strangers. And in 1972, Big Bird lined up on "Sesame Street" to receive a measles vaccine as part of a campaign to get more youngsters inoculated against the disease.

But when that same iconic, 8-foot-tall children's character tweeted last weekend that he had been vaccinated against COVID-19, conservative politicians immediately pushed back.

Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, grilled Big Bird for what he called "government propaganda." Fox News contributor Lisa Boothe described it as "brainwashing children" and "twisted."

"My wing is feeling a little sore, but it'll give my body an extra protective boost that keeps me and others healthy," Big Bird tweeted.

"Sesame Street" has long faced grumbles from conservatives unhappy with its connections to U.S.

public broadcasting, which receives federal funding. Yet this latest fallout marked a new contentious flashpoint that has plagued previous rollouts of the vaccine, just as the shot becomes available to children between the ages of 5 and 11.

Nearly 50 years ago, when the show was in its third season, "Sesame Street" encouraged kids to get the measles vaccine by showing Big Bird and other children getting the injection. The move was similar to other public service campaigns that used beloved characters to help teach children life lessons, including discouraging littering, wearing seat belts and looking both ways before crossing the street.

"What Big Bird is doing is part of a long tradition. But what's different now, of course, is that everything is political and everything is contentious," said Thomas Doherty, an American studies professor at Brandeis University. "Something that we all wanted a year ago, the vaccine, is now this matter of great contention."

"When you get a mass medium as dominant and powerful as television ... that's always going to be a battleground over what messages get out there," said Robert Thompson, director

of the Bleier Center for Television and Popular Culture at Syracuse University.

Big Bird's tweet ruffled others' feathers at a time when educational messages directed toward children are under increased scrutiny. Schools have seen an uptick in heated debates from frustrated parents and elected officials over how racial and social justice issues are handled in classrooms and instructional materials. Most recently, Republican Glenn Youngkin won the Virginia governor's race after seizing on conservatives' frustrations with schools.

Meanwhile, education officials have faced multiple conflicts on how they should handle mask and testing requirements during a pandemic. Some Republicans have pushed back against marketing the COVID-19 vaccine directly to minors.

"The whole 'Sesame Street' embrace of diversity, inclusion, being nice, paying attention to people of poverty and of different colors, that is all a form of education directed at kids that most people would think is a really good thing and a great contribution. Then comes the vaccines,"

Thompson said. "And now,



After Big Bird of "Sesame Street" recently tweeted that he had gotten a COVID-19 vaccination, one Republican senator from Texas chose to grill the iconic children's character. HBO

this idea of getting a vaccine is no longer a celebration. It's become something else."

In Tennessee, the state briefly halted its vaccine outreach to children and fired its top vaccination director after GOP leaders threatened to dissolve the health agency over marketing efforts to get children vaccinated against the disease. During a meeting with department heads, Republican Rep. Scott Cepicky held up a printout of the ad featuring a smiling teen with a Band-Aid who

had recently been vaccinated and called it "repulsive."

The GOP-controlled General Assembly later passed legislation banning certain minors as young as 14 from getting the shot without parental consent — an option that was previously available, albeit used infrequently. The measure, which Republican Gov. Bill Lee promised to sign this week, has only a handful of exceptions.

"It's not surprising that

and following public health advice might fall into this cultural battle or effort to leverage emotive issues to your political advantage if you're a senator or a political candidate," said Colin Woodard, author of "American Character: The History of the Epic Struggle Between Individual Liberty and the Common Good."

"The flashpoints in our culture wars," Woodard said, "are often flashpoints between an individual liberty and a common good perspective."



A child receives a Pfizer vaccine Nov. 5 in Southfield, Michigan, near Detroit. JEFF KOWALSKY/GETTY-AFP

COVID-19 hot spots offer hint at what may occur in winter

By Carla K. Johnson

Associated Press

The delta variant is driving up COVID-19 hospitalizations in the Mountain West and fueling disruptive outbreaks in the North, a worrisome sign of what could be ahead this winter.

While trends are improving in Florida, Texas and other Southern states that bore the worst of the summer surge, it's clear that delta isn't done with the United States. COVID-19 is

moving north and west for the winter as people head indoors, close their windows and breathe stagnant air.

"We're going to see a lot of outbreaks in unvaccinated people that will result in serious illness, and it will be tragic," said Dr. Donald Milton of the University of Maryland School of Public Health.

In recent days, a Vermont college suspended social gatherings after a spike in cases tied to Halloween parties. Boston officials shut

down an elementary school to control an outbreak. Hospitals in Colorado and New Mexico are overwhelmed.

In Michigan, the three-county metro Detroit area is again becoming a hot spot for transmissions, with nearly 400 COVID-19 patients in hospitals.

Mask-wearing in Michigan has declined to about 25% of people, according to a combination of surveys tracked by an influential modeling group at the

University of Washington.

"Concern over COVID in general is pretty much gone, which is unfortunate," said Dr. Jennifer Morse, medical director at health departments in 20 central and northern Michigan counties.

"I feel strange going into a store masked. I'm a minority ... It's just a really unusual atmosphere right now."

People who were vaccinated early and have not yet received booster shots may be driving up infection

numbers, even if they still have some protection from the most dire consequences of the virus.

"Delta and waning immunity — the combination of these two have set us back," said Ali Mokdad, a professor of health metrics sciences at the University of Washington. "This virus is going to stick with us for a long time."

The delta variant dominates infections across the U.S., accounting for more than 99% of the samples analyzed.

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NEWS BRIEFING

China's Xi secures his political future by rewriting the past

From news services

China's Communist Party delivered Xi Jinping a breakthrough on Thursday that will help secure his political future — by rewriting history.

Senior party officials in a closed-door meeting in Beijing approved a decision reassessing the party's 100-year history and enshrining Xi in the party's official firmament of era-defining leaders. The move, signaled in an official summary of the meeting, elevated Xi to a stature alongside Mao Zedong, the founder of the country's Communist rule, and Deng Xiaoping, the chief architect of its economic takeoff.

Under Xi's leadership, China has "made historic achievements and undergone a historic transformation," said an official summary, or communiqué, from the meeting, hailing what the party described as successes in the economy, foreign policy, fighting pollution and containing COVID-19. This week's meeting was the start of a momentous year in Chinese politics. Its announcements will play a big part in the leadership shake-up at a Communist Party congress that is likely to be held in 2022, when Xi, China's most powerful leader in decades, appears on track to secure a third five-year term as the party's general secretary. There is no rival leader or heir apparent in view.

The decision to place Xi among the country's historical giants will bolster his argument that he is the only leader capable of steering China toward superpower status through uncertain times.

China navigated the COVID-19 pandemic relatively well, but it faces economic risks from debt-

laden companies and local governments social pressures as its population gets older, and growing distrust from the United States and other Western countries.

On Thursday, in a recorded video to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, Xi urged Asian nations to resist forming "small circles on geopolitical grounds," a clear reference to efforts by President Joe Biden to shore up alliances of democratically minded countries to counter China.

By claiming a third term as party leader, as he is expected to do next year, Xi would break the pattern of staying in power for only two terms. In 2018, Xi made a bold power play by eliminating a term limit on the presidency, opening the way for him to lead China indefinitely.

Haiti fuel crisis: The U.S. government is urging U.S. citizens to leave Haiti because of the country's deepening insecurity and a severe lack of fuel that has affected hospitals, schools and banks. Gas stations remained closed Thursday.

The rare warning from the U.S. State Department comes as Haiti's government and police are struggling to control gangs that have blocked fuel distribution terminals for several weeks.

"Widespread fuel shortages may limit essential services in an emergency, including access to banks, money transfers, urgent medical care, internet and telecommunications, and public and private transportation options," the State Department warned on Wednesday. "The U.S. Embassy is unlikely to be able to assist U.S. citizens in Haiti with departure if commercial options become unavailable."



Thousands of carnival revellers celebrate the start of the carnival season Thursday in the streets of Cologne, Germany. After carnival was canceled last year because of the coronavirus pandemic, this year only vaccinated or recovered revellers with tickets were allowed to attend the celebrations on Cologne's central square. MARTIN MEISSNER/AP

It's unclear how many U.S. citizens currently live in Haiti.

Trump Jan. 6 records: A federal appeals court on Thursday temporarily blocked the release of White House records sought by a U.S. House committee investigating the Jan. 6 insurrection, granting — for now — a request from former President Donald Trump.

The administrative injunction issued by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit effectively bars until the end of this month the release of records that were to be turned over Friday. The appeals court set oral arguments in the case for Nov. 30.

The stay gives the court time to consider arguments in a momentous clash between the former president, whose supporters stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6, and President Joe Biden and Congress, who have pushed for a thorough investigation of the riot.

The National Archives, which holds the documents,

says they include call logs, handwritten notes, and a draft executive order on "election integrity."

Sudan general: Sudan's top general reappointed himself as head of the army-run interim governing body on Thursday, a sign that he's tightening his grip on the country two weeks after he led a coup against civilian leaders.

The move by Gen. Abdel-Fattah Burhan — along with other appointments he announced for the Sovereign Council — was expected to anger Sudan's pro-democracy protest movement, sidelined in the coup. Since the Oct. 25 takeover, pro-democracy leaders have demanded the military relinquish power and refuse to be part of any administration in which a military maintains a role.

Thursday's development, announced in a bulletin by Sudan's state television, comes amid repeated promises from the military rulers that they will hand over power to civilian authorities.

Sudan's culture and information minister, Hamza Baloul, condemned the appointments. He described

Thursday's announcement as "an extension of the coup" and said pro-democracy protesters are right to refuse to negotiate with military leaders.

Poland-Belarus crisis: Thousands marched in Warsaw on Thursday to mark Poland's Independence Day, led by far-right groups calling for strong borders, while its troops blocked hundreds of new attempts by migrants to enter the country illegally from neighboring Belarus in a tense standoff.

Security forces patrolled the capital for the parade, which was peaceful, unlike those in recent years that have seen violence by some extremists.

"Today there are not only internal disputes. Today there are also external disputes. Today there is an attack on the Polish border," march leader Robert Bakiewicz said in a

speech, adding that all Poles should support those who are protecting the eastern frontier.

The march was overshadowed by events along Poland's border with Belarus, where thousands of riot police, troops and guards are turning back migrants, many from the Middle East, who seek to enter the European Union.

Queen Elizabeth II: Queen Elizabeth II, who has canceled recent public appearances on her doctors' advice, will attend a national service of remembrance for Britain's war dead this weekend, Buckingham Palace confirmed Thursday.

The palace said the 95-year-old monarch will watch the somber ceremony at the Cenotaph memorial in central London from a balcony.

It said that "mindful of her doctors' recent advice," the queen will not attend another engagement, the opening of the Church of England's governing General Synod on Tuesday.



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Embryo ‘mix-up’ too much to bear

Parents sue after
‘we had their baby,
they had our baby’

By Neil Vigdor

The New York Times

Something didn’t seem quite right to Daphna Cardinale after she gave birth to her second child.

The baby girl, born on Sept. 24, 2019, to Cardinale and her husband, Alexander Cardinale, through in vitro fertilization, did not look like them, the couple said this week.

She had darker skin and jet-black hair.

For three months, the Cardinales said, they raised the baby as their own, trying to rationalize the unexplainable. The couple’s older daughter, who was 5 at the time, relished becoming a big sister.

But then on Christmas Eve, the family said, the “nightmare” became a reality: DNA tests confirmed that the Cardinales were not their baby’s biological parents.

When they confronted a Los Angeles-area fertility clinic about the results, the couple said, they eventually learned that an embryo from another couple had been implanted in Daphna Cardinale, and vice versa.

That New Year’s Eve, the Cardinales finally met their biological daughter, Zoe, and they said they had taken custody of her about two weeks later in what they described as a traumatic exchange.

They decided to keep Zoe’s name.

Now, the parent are suing the clinic, the California Center for Reproductive Health, and its medical director in state Superior Court in Los Angeles County over the embryo “mix-up,” which they said continues to haunt two families well after pregnancy and infancy.

“We missed an entire year of our daughter’s life,” Daphna Cardinale, 43, said



Daphna and Alexander Cardinale are one of two couples caught in a fertility clinic mix-up. PEIFFER WOLF CARR KANE & CONWAY

during a video news conference Monday announcing the lawsuit. “We never saw our baby’s entrance into the world or cuddled her in her first seconds of life. Every time I felt a kick or spoke to her, it was someone else’s baby.”

“We had their baby, and they had our baby,” Daphna Cardinale said.

The law firm representing the Cardinales said it expected to file a similar lawsuit on behalf of the other couple, who were not identified in the Cardinales’ lawsuit.

The babies were born about a week apart.

The California Center for Reproductive Health and its medical director, Dr.

Eliran Mor, did not immediately respond to requests for comment Tuesday.

The website of the clinic,

which has several locations in the Los Angeles area, describes Mor as a reproductive endocrinologist. IVF, an arduous path toward conception known for steep costs and at times painful treatments, involves stimulating a woman’s ovaries to produce eggs with hormone injections and fertility medications.

The eggs are then retrieved and fertilized with sperm in a lab before being implanted as an embryo into the uterus.

Peiffer Wolf Carr Kane & Conway, the law firm representing the Cardinales, estimated that the couple had paid \$50,000 to the fertility clinic for the treatments needed.

In the lawsuit, the couple said that Mor had never disclosed that a third-party affiliate, In VitroTech Labs,

would be used for IVF services and that Mor was an owner of that business.

In VitroTech Labs and its parent company, Beverly Sunset Surgical Associates LLC, are also named as defendants in the lawsuit, which accused the fertility clinic’s operators of medical malpractice, negligence and breach of contract.

In VitroTech Labs and Beverly Sunset Surgical Associates declined to comment Tuesday.

Alexander Cardinale, 41, said during the news conference Monday that the most upsetting aspect of the ordeal had been breaking the news to the couple’s older daughter, who begged her parents to keep the baby.

“How do you explain that to a 5-year-old?” Alexander Cardinale said.

Adam Wolf, a lawyer for

the Cardinales, called during the news conference for tougher oversight of fertility clinics.

IVF is a form of assisted reproductive technology, which is regulated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, according to the American Society for Reproductive Medicine.

“The Cardinales, you know, uncovered this relatively early because their baby was of a different race from them, but how many babies are there across the country who are of the same race but genetically unrelated to the people who used IVF?” Wolf said. “We don’t know that answer. In part, we don’t know that answer because there are no data-

bases that track this sort of thing. There are no reporting requirements of the clinics.”

In addition to the emotional anguish that they described, the couple said in the lawsuit that their careers had been adversely affected by the experience.

Alexander Cardinale, a recording artist, was dropped by Atlantic Records after he could not promote his “then-hot” music single, the lawsuit said.

“This ordeal has been a nightmare, and our entire family has suffered in countless ways, but what my wife has gone through is simply beyond words,” Alexander Cardinale said during the news conference. “We trusted people. How could this happen?”

Daphna Cardinale, a licensed therapist, lost most of the patients in her practice that she had spent years building, the lawsuit said.

During the news conference, she cried as she recounted going through IVF treatment.

“We came to it with incredible vulnerability and trust in our doctor and in the process,” she said. “We had no idea at the time that this greatest potential for joy would bring us such enduring pain and trauma.”

The couple have experienced panic attacks, and Daphna Cardinale was prescribed antidepressants after she had contemplated suicide, according to the lawsuit.

“It was torture that shook me to my core and forever changed who I am,” she said Monday. “I was robbed of the ability to carry my own child.”

The couple said that they continue to see the girl that Daphna Cardinale gave birth to and briefly raised, during visits with the other couple, who live near them in the Los Angeles area.

“It’s like,” Alexander Cardinale said, “how do you just become family with total strangers?”



President Joe Biden bows his head during a wreath-laying ceremony to commemorate Veterans Day on Thursday at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. EVAN VUCCI/AP

Biden honors troops as ‘spine of America’ on Veterans Day

**By Colleen Long
and Alexandra Jaffe**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden saluted the nation’s military veterans as “the spine of America” on Thursday as he marked his first Veterans Day as president in a wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

“There’s nothing low risk or low cost about war for the women and men who fight it,” said Biden, whose administration earlier in the day announced a federal effort to better understand, identify and treat medical conditions suffered by troops deployed to toxic environments.

That expanded effort centers on lung problems suffered by troops who breathe in toxins and the potential connection between rare cancers and time spent overseas breathing poor air, according to the White House. Federal officials plan to start by examining lung and breathing problems but say they will expand the effort as science identifies potential new connections.

Biden’s son Beau served

in Iraq, and the president has suggested a potential link between Beau’s death from an aggressive brain cancer and his exposure to toxins in the air, particularly around massive pits where the military disposes of waste by burning. There’s no scientific evidence to establish that link.

This year’s Veterans Day commemoration comes two months after Biden ordered the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan. It was a chaotic ending to America’s longest war, which killed 2,461 American service members over nearly 20 years.

In remarks at Arlington, Biden praised generations who have served, declaring they’ve “endured and survived challenges” most Americans won’t know. He also paused to remember three high-profile veterans who recently died: Colin Powell, the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and secretary of state; Gen. Ray Odierno, an Army chief of staff and top general in Iraq; and Sen. Max Cleland, a Georgia Democrat who lost three limbs while in Vietnam.

You are the very spine of

America,” Biden said of the nation’s veterans.

The new federal effort on toxic exposure is designed to make it easier for veterans to make claims based on their symptoms, to collect more data from troops who are suffering and to give veterans more time to make medical claims after symptoms develop.

“We’re discovering there is a whole host of lung conditions related to deployment,” said Dr. Richard Meehan, an immunologist and rheumatologist. The retired U.S. Naval Reserve officer, who served in the Mideast during the 1990s and again in 2008, is co-director of the Denver-based National Jewish Health Center of Excellence on Deployment-Related Lung Disease.

Beau Biden’s death was a defining moment for Joe Biden, one he said affected his decision to sit out the 2016 presidential race. The younger Biden deployed from October 2008 until September 2009 as a captain in the Delaware Army National Guard. In 2013, he was diagnosed with glioblastoma, and he died in 2015 at age 46.

Houston death toll rises to 9 after student dies of injuries

By Juan Lozano

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A 22-year-old college senior who was critically injured at the Astroworld festival in Houston has died, the family’s lawyer said Thursday, making her the 9th person to die after throngs of fans surged toward the stage during a performance by headliner Travis Scott.

Bharti Shahani died Wednesday night, attorney James Lassiter said during a news conference.

“Bharti was a shining star in the community,” Lassiter said. “She was a sister, a daughter, a high-achieving college student about to graduate from Texas A&M University with high grades.”

Shahani’s family said she had been studying electronics engineering.

Her mother, Karishma Shahani, became emotional during the news conference. She pointed to her heart as she cried: “What happened to her? I want my baby back. I’m empty here.”

Officials have not disclosed details about any of the fans who were hospitalized, but the family of a 9-year-old boy who attended the concert with his father has said the child was in a medically induced coma after sustaining injuries to his heart, lungs and brain.

Hundreds more people

were injured in the surge Nov. 5 as Scott took to the stage. A criminal investigation into the deaths at Astroworld is underway.

Scott was only minutes

into his show at the

Astroworld music festival

when at least one Houston

officer radioed over a police

channel that the main stage

had been compromised by a

crowd surge.

The police radio traffic

from the concert, obtained

by the Houston Chronicle,

reveals how quickly

law enforcement became

aware of the rising danger in the throng of concertgoers shortly after the rapper began performing at the sold-out music festival, which drew about 50,000 people.

Scott took the stage in his hometown of Houston shortly after 9 p.m.

“Looks like folks are coming out of the crowd complaining of difficulty breathing, crushing-type injuries,” one official said over the police radio around 9:21 p.m., according to the audio obtained by the newspaper.

Scott kept performing his set, which lasted about an hour. His attorneys have said he did not know about the tragedy unfolding in the crowd until after the show.

The newspaper reported that officers spotted people leaving the crowd but that their voices remained calm through the first half-hour.

“I’m at the medical tent,”

one officer radioed in around 9:30 p.m. “There’s a lot of people trampled and they’re passed out at the front stage.”

Later, another officer

says: “We’re getting multiple reports of people getting injured. We have another report of cardiac situation with CPR by the stage.”

Houston police Chief

Troy Finner said Wednes-

day that police told organizers to shut down the performance when fans in the crowd were administered CPR. Authorities gave word around 10:03 p.m. that the concert was in the process of shutting down, but witnesses say Scott and Drake, the superstar rapper who came on toward the end of Scott’s set as a special guest, kept performing.

Finner repeatedly refused to provide timelines Wednesday in what was just his second news briefing since the tragedy, saying the case was still under investigation. He said more than 500 officers were working the festival, more than double the number assigned in 2019, the last time the festival was held.

But Finner said festival

organizers had not provided clear records of how many private security guards were working the show.

It was up to Live Nation Entertainment, the show’s promoter, to secure two mosh pits in front of the stage, Finner said.

Scott’s attorneys on Wednesday pointed to an operational plan for the event that states only the event director and executive producers have the authority to stop the show, “neither of which is part of Travis’s crew.”



Mourners pay their respects this week at a makeshift memorial outside NRG Park, site of the deadly Astroworld music festival, in Houston. BRANDON BELL/GETTY

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F.W. DE KLERK 1936-2021

South Africa's last apartheid leader leaves 'uneven' legacy

By Andrew Meldrum
and Cara Anna
Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — F.W. de Klerk, who shared the Nobel Peace Prize with Nelson Mandela and as South Africa's last apartheid president oversaw the end of the country's white minority rule, has died. He was 85.

Frederik Willem de Klerk died after a battle against cancer at his home in the Fresnaye area of Cape Town, a spokesman for his foundation confirmed Thursday.

De Klerk was a controversial figure in South Africa where many blamed him for violence against Black South Africans and anti-apartheid activists during his time in power, while some white South Africans saw his efforts to end apartheid as a betrayal.

"De Klerk's legacy is a big one. It is also an uneven one, something South Africans are called to reckon with in this moment," the Mandela Foundation said of his death.

Retired Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, another towering anti-apartheid activist, issued a similarly guarded statement.

De Klerk "played an important role in South Africa's history ... he recognized the moment for change and demonstrated the will to act on it," Tutu's foundation said.

However, de Klerk tried to avoid responsibility for the enormity of the abuses of apartheid, including in his testimony at the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which was chaired by Tutu. At that time, Tutu expressed disappointment that de Klerk did not fully apologize for the evils of apartheid, the statement noted.

Even posthumously, de Klerk sought to address this criticism in a video message in which he said he was sorry



In 1993, South Africa President F.W. de Klerk, above, and Nelson Mandela shared the Nobel Peace Prize. AP1992

for his role in apartheid. His foundation released the video after announcing his death.

"Let me today, in the last message repeat: I, without qualification, apologize for the pain and the hurt, and the indignity, and the damage, to Black, brown and Indians in South Africa," de Klerk said.

It was de Klerk who in a speech to South Africa's parliament on Feb. 2, 1990, announced that Mandela would be released from prison after 27 years. The announcement electrified a country that for decades had been scorned and sanctioned by much of the world for its brutal system of racial discrimination known as apartheid.

Amid gasps, several members of parliament left the chamber as he spoke.

Nine days later, Mandela walked free. Four years after that, Mandela was elected the country's first Black president as Black South Africans voted for the first time.

By then, de Klerk and Mandela had been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993 for their often-tense cooperation in moving South Africa away from

institutionalized racism and toward democracy.

The country would be, de Klerk told the media after his fateful speech, "a new South Africa." But Mandela's release was just the beginning of intense political negotiations on the way forward.

The toll of the transition was high. As de Klerk said in his Nobel lecture in December 1993, more than 3,000 died in political violence in South Africa that year alone. As he reminded his Nobel audience, he and fellow laureate Mandela remained political opponents, with strong disagreements. But they would move forward "because there is no other road to peace and prosperity for the people of our country."

After Mandela became president, de Klerk served as deputy president until 1996, when his party withdrew from the Cabinet. In making history, de Klerk acknowledged that Mandela's release was the culmination of what his predecessor, former President P.W. Botha, had begun by meeting secretly with Mandela shortly before leaving office. De Klerk also met secretly with Mandela before his release.

Some moderates say Dems have a messaging problem

By Jeremy W. Peters
The New York Times

When Republicans lost big in the 2012 election, the party commissioned a postmortem analysis that arrived at a blunt conclusion about the way it communicated: "The Republican Party needs to stop talking to itself," said the report, informally known as "the autopsy."

After the elections last week, in which Democrats across the country lost races they expected to win or narrowly escaped defeat, some are asking whether the Democratic Party is suffering from a similar problem of insularity in its messaging.

Critics and some prominent liberals like Ruy Teixeira, a moderate-left political scientist, have argued that Democrats are trying to explain major issues — such as inflation, crime and school curriculum — with answers that satisfy the party's progressive base but are unpersuasive and off-putting to most other voters.

The clearest example is in Virginia, where the Democratic candidate for governor, Terry McAuliffe, lost after spending weeks trying to discredit his opponent's criticisms of public school education, particularly the way that racism is talked about. McAuliffe accused the Republican, Glenn Youngkin, of campaigning on a "made-up" issue and of blowing a "racist dog whistle."

But a quarter of Virginia voters said the debate over critical race theory, a graduate-level academic framework that has become a stand-in for a debate over what to teach about racism in schools, was the key factor in their decision, and 72% of those voters cast ballots for Youngkin, according to a survey of more than 2,500 voters conducted for The

Associated Press by NORC at the University of Chicago, a nonpartisan research organization.

The nuances of critical race theory, which focuses on the ways that institutions perpetuate racism, and the hyperbolic tone of the coverage of the issue in conservative news media point to why Democrats have struggled to come up with an effective response.

Teixeira calls the Democrats' problem with critical race theory and other galvanizing issues the "Fox News Fallacy."

These issues are ripe for distortions and exaggeration by Republican politicians and their allies in the news media.

But Teixeira says Democrats should not dismiss voters' concerns as simply right-wing misinformation.

"An issue is not necessarily completely invalid just because Fox News mentions it," he said.

In an interview, Teixeira said his logic applied to questions far beyond critical race theory.

"I can't tell you how many times I analyze a particular issue, saying this is a real concern," he said. "And the first thing I hear is, 'Hey, this is a right-wing talking point. You're playing into the hands of the enemy.'"

Fox News is not the only institution capable of producing this kind of reaction from some on the left — it was just the one Teixeira chose to make his point as vividly as possible.

The conservative news media is full of stories that can make it sound as if the country is living through a nightmare.

Rising prices and supply chain difficulties are cast as economic threats on par with the "stagflation" crisis of the 1970s, a comparison that is oversimplified because neither inflation nor unemployment is as

high now. Stories of violent crime in large cities are given prominent placement and frequent airing; the same is true of coverage about the record number of migrants being apprehended at the southern border.

The Biden administration has struggled to address concerns about all these issues. Critics pounced when the White House chief of staff, Ron Klain, posted a tweet that cast inflation and supply chain disruptions as "high class problems," seeming to dismiss the anxiety that many say they have about their own finances.

And despite border crossings hitting the highest number on record since at least 1960, when the government began tracking them, the Biden administration has resisted referring to the issue as a "crisis."

One liberal who apparently recognized the broader problems that Democrats have had explaining their platforms to voters was Maya Wiley, who ran against eventual winner Eric Adams in the New York mayoral primary as a proponent of sweeping police reforms.

In an opinion essay for The New Republic this week, Wiley, a civil rights lawyer, wrote that while Republicans distorted the debate over critical race theory in Virginia, they also offered a more compelling message on education.

"If you only heard evening news sound bites, you would think all he talked about on the campaign trail was critical race theory," Wiley said of Youngkin. "Not so. In fact, he sounded like a moderate Democrat, with the notable exception of CRT."

Despite the dog whistling, Wiley said, the message was effective because it was empathetic. "He was saying he understood their pain," she said.



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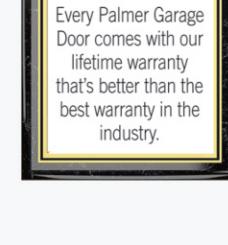
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Biden's \$1.85T bill offers boost to union-made EVs

But Republicans fear provision will hurt autoworkers, states mostly in South

By Kevin Freking

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden and Democrats in Congress are looking to give U.S. automakers with union employees the inside track on the burgeoning electric vehicle market, triggering opposition from foreign trade partners and Republicans who worry that manufacturers in their home states will be placed at a competitive disadvantage.

The \$1.85 trillion spending package that Democrats are laboring to pass through Congress includes an array of programs designed to curb global warming and slash U.S. emissions. It includes incentives to hasten the transition to electric vehicles, which represent a small but rapidly growing share of the market.

If enacted, the bill would provide a \$7,500 tax credit for consumers who purchase electric vehicles through 2026. Beginning the following year, only purchases of electric vehicles made in the U.S. qualify for the credit. The base credit goes up by \$4,500 if

the vehicle is made at a U.S. plant that operates under a union-negotiated collective bargaining agreement. Only auto plants owned by General Motors Co., Ford Motor Co. and Stellantis NV qualify.

"I want those jobs here in Michigan, not halfway around the globe," Biden said when visiting a UAW job training center last month.

The union friendly add-on is raising hackles internationally and inside the U.S., testing the Democratic Party's commitment to a labor-friendly approach that Biden has made central to his political brand. The provision could boost the sale of EVs while disadvantaging foreign automakers with U.S. plants that employ tens of thousands of manufacturing workers, particularly in Southern states where laws have made it hard to unionize.

Democrats say supporting union jobs is good for the economy and the country.

"I'm a student of America's economic history and labor unions have consistently helped build out the middle class," said Rep. Dan Kildee, D-Mich. "We should have

a policy that's consistent with our values. Our values are that communities are stronger, the economy is stronger when workers have wages, benefits and protections that not only apply to them, but set the highest standard for all other employees."

Ambassadors from the European Union, Canada and South Korea are among those who recently wrote to congressional leaders saying the credit is inconsistent with U.S. trade commitments and "tarnishes the spirit of trade laws that seek to establish the free and fair movement of goods."

Meanwhile, the governors of 11 states complained the more generous tax credit for cars made in union plants would punish companies and workers in their states. GOP lawmakers portray it as payback for a major Democratic Party benefactor, the United Auto Workers, which spent \$1.25 million in support of federal candidates in the 2020 elections.

EVs are 2% of U.S. new vehicles sales, but IHS Markit, a research and analytics company, expects the share to grow to 32% by 2030.



A sign at a grocery store in Monument, Colo. Millions of U.S. workers have a Jan. 4 deadline to get a COVID-19 vaccine. DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

Corps of informers wanted

Whistleblowers are being sought to help enforce Biden's COVID-19 mandate on the job

By Paul Wiseman

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — To enforce President Joe Biden's forthcoming COVID-19 mandate, the U.S. Labor Department is going to need a lot of help. Its Occupational Safety and Health Administration doesn't have nearly enough workplace safety inspectors to do the job.

So the government will rely upon a corps of informers to identify violations of the order: Employees who will presumably be concerned enough to turn in their own employers if their co-workers go unvaccinated or fail to undergo weekly tests to show they're virus-free.

What's not known is just how many employees will be willing to accept some risk to themselves — or their job security — for blowing the whistle on their own employers. Without them, though, experts say the government would find it harder to achieve its goal of requiring tens of millions of workers at companies with 100 or more

employees to be fully vaccinated by Jan. 4 or be tested weekly and wear a mask on the job.

"There is no army of OSHA inspectors that is going to be knocking on employers' door or even calling them," said Debbie Berkowitz, a former OSHA chief of staff who is a fellow at Georgetown University's Kalmanovitz Initiative for Labor and the Working Poor. "They're going to rely on workers and their union representatives to file complaints where the company is totally flouting the law."

Critics warn that whistleblowers have often faced retaliation from their employers and that OSHA has offered little protection when they do.

The new mandate, which Biden announced last week, is the administration's most far-reaching step yet to prod more Americans to get a vaccine that has been widely available since early spring. The mandate will cover an estimated 84 million employees.

The president called the move necessary to combat an outbreak that has killed 750,000 Americans and that continues to spread. Companies that fail to comply will face fines of nearly \$14,000 per "serious" violation. Employers found to be "willful"

or repeat violators would be subject to fines of up to ten times that amount.

The mandate has run into furious opposition, though, from leaders of mainly Republican-led states who have condemned the plan as an unlawful case of federal overreach and who immediately challenged the vaccine-or-test requirements in court. On Saturday, a federal appeals court in New Orleans temporarily halted the mandate, saying it posed "grave statutory and constitutional issues."

Should the mandate survive its legal challenges, though, the task of enforcing it would fall on OSHA, the small Labor Department agency that was established 50 years ago to police workplace safety. OSHA has jurisdiction in 29 states.

Other states, including California and Michigan, have their own federally approved workplace safety agencies. These states will have an additional month — until early February — to adopt their own version of the COVID-19 mandate, equal to or tougher than OSHA's.

For a task as enormous as enforcing the new vaccine mandate, OSHA and its state "partners" are stretched thin. Just 1,850 inspectors will oversee 130 million workers at 8 million job sites.

US cites disability bias, sues Uber over wait fees

By Dee-Ann Durbin

Associated Press

The federal government is suing Uber, saying it discriminates against disabled people by charging fees when drivers have to wait for passengers to board their vehicles.

Uber's "wait time" fees kick in two minutes after a driver arrives, and are charged until the car begins its trip. According to the Department of Justice, Uber added the fees in a few cities in April 2016. Eventually, the fees spread nationwide.

In its lawsuit, filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Northern California, the Justice Department says Uber is violating the Americans with Disabilities Act for fail-

ing to modify its fees for passengers who may need extra time to get into an Uber vehicle.

The lawsuit alleges that Uber charged the fees even when it was aware that a delay was disability-based.

Uber said Wednesday it has been in active discussions with the Justice Department and was surprised and disappointed by the lawsuit.

"Wait time fees are charged to all riders to compensate drivers after two minutes of waiting, but were never intended for riders who are ready at their designated pickup location but need more time to get into the car," Uber said in a statement.

Uber said its policy is to refund wait time fees for disabled riders whenever they

altered the company they were charged. As of last week, any rider who certifies they are disabled will have the fees automatically waived, the company said.

The San Francisco-based company said the average wait time fee charged to riders is less than 60 cents.

"We fundamentally disagree that our policies violate the ADA and will keep improving our products to support everyone's ability to easily move around their communities," Uber said.

The lawsuit asks the court to order Uber to change its policy, train its staff and drivers and pay monetary damages to people who were subject to wait time fees that violated the ADA. It also wants Uber to pay civil penalties.

Boeing takes blame in Ethiopia Max crash

By Niraj Chokshi

The New York Times

Boeing has broadly agreed to accept responsibility for the crash of a 737 Max in Ethiopia in 2019 and to be responsible for successful compensation claims by most families of the 157 people who were killed.

Under a deal filed in federal court Wednesday, Boeing will accept blame for the crash, and it will take responsibility for compensatory damages awarded to the victims' families in the future. The families agreed not to seek punitive damages from Boeing, which they were unlikely to have won.

Boeing also agreed not to try to have cases moved if families filed lawsuits for compensatory damages in Illinois, where it has its headquarters, in a victory for families in jurisdictions that limit the amount of money awarded for such claims.

"This is a significant milestone for the families in their pursuit of justice against Boeing, as it will ensure they are all treated equitably and eligible to recover full damages under Illinois law while creating a pathway for them to proceed to a final resolution, whether through settlements or trial," a committee representing most of the victims' families said in a statement.

The deal covers all but two of the families with outstanding cases.

"By accepting responsibility, Boeing's agreement with the families allows the parties to focus their efforts on determining the appropriate compensation for each family," the company said in a statement.

The 2019 Ethiopia crash and a 2018 crash in Indonesia led to a global ban on Boeing's best-selling plane, the 737 Max, for about 20 months, costing the company billions of dollars. The Federal Aviation Administration approved the plane for flight late last year, and it has been used widely without incident since then.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Singles' Day fest sales: \$139 billion

BEIJING — Chinese shoppers spent \$139 billion during this year's annual Singles' Day shopping extravaganza, breaking last year's record even though spending slowed during the pandemic.

Alibaba tallied \$84.5 billion in spending over the festival that spanned Nov. 1 to Nov. 11, the company said Thursday, a growth of 14% compared with a nearly 93% increase last year. Rival JD.com reported \$54.6 billion in transactions this year, from Oct. 31 to Nov. 11, about a 28% increase compared with 32% growth in 2020.

The slowdown in growth for the world's largest online shopping festival, which typically ends Nov. 11, comes amid reduced marketing hype and a crackdown on the technology industry.

EU growth will slow, panel says

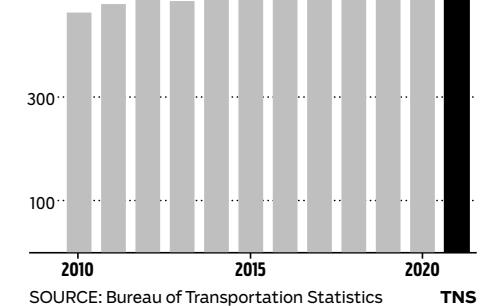
Europe is facing fresh threats to its pandemic recovery as energy prices surge at a "tumultuous pace" and bottlenecks in the supply chain dampen growth and slow production, the European Commission said Thursday.

Europe's economy rebounded this year from the pandemic faster than expected, and regained pre-pandemic growth levels during the summer. Among the 28 countries in the European Union, economic output is expected to grow by 5% this year, slightly better than a forecast made a few months ago — an unusually robust rebound after pandemic lockdowns.

Growth will slow to a 4.3% pace next year and then decelerate to 2.5% in 2023, the commission said.

Airline employment

Employment at U.S. passenger airlines, scale in thousands of full-time equivalent jobs in September of each year



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BUSINESS

Students use a mobile app Wednesday at the ancient site of Olympia in Greece. The app provides virtual recreations of temples and competition areas. **THANASSIS STAVRAKIS/AP**

Augmented reality brings Olympics birthplace to life

By Derek Gatopoulos and Theodora Tongas
Associated Press

OLYMPIA, Greece — What would it be like to walk around the ancient religious sanctuary of Olympia when the Olympic Games were held?

An unusual partnership between Microsoft and Greece's Ministry of Culture and Sport is offering visitors the answer, launching an immersive tour this week at one of the world's major archaeological sites.

The program at ancient Olympia harnesses augmented reality technology that designers say has the potential to transform education, business and entertainment. Critics warn it will extend the invasive power of U.S. tech giants.

The Culture Ministry helped Microsoft map and build virtual representations at Olympia, a site used for nearly 1,000 years to host the games in ancient Greece that served as the inspiration for the modern Olympics.

"It's a milestone ... that helped us bring technology and culture and history

together so we can preserve it," Microsoft President Brad Smith said in a video message at the launch.

Users can tour the site remotely or in person with an online presentation and an augmented-like mobile app at Olympia, seeing a virtual recreation of temples and competition areas as they walk through the ruins. At the Olympic Museum in Athens, they can use Microsoft's mixed-reality HoloLens headsets that overlay visual information on top of what the viewer sees.

Tilt up and a towering statue of Zeus plated in ivory and gold comes into view; turn left and peer into the workshop used by the famed sculptor Phidias at the ancient sanctuary more than 2,400 years ago.

"I'm absolutely thrilled that we're able to present to the world a completely new cultural experience using technology to recreate the ancient world of Olympia," Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis told Associated Press after joining a group of schoolchildren using the app for the first time.

On Wednesday, seventh and eighth graders from

a local school pinched, zoomed and rotated the monuments that had been brought to life on their smartphones.

Microsoft started the project 18 months ago, scouring Olympia with drones and sensors, after reaching an agreement with the Greek government to build three data centers in greater Athens in an investment to reach up to \$1 billion.

Tech companies are racing to deliver mixed reality platforms and gear that would blend the internet with everyday experience, with glasses doubling as personal projectors to provide extra information like route options for bicyclists, player stats for fans at sports venues, or virtual fitting rooms at home for shoppers.

Microsoft's HoloLens headset costs around \$3,500 and is typically used by people like doctors or those maintaining jetliners but a convergence of cheaper eyewear, ever-shrinking processing power and faster internet connections is starting to put it within mainstream reach, experts say.

Whistleblower issues warning on Facebook's 'meta' strategy

By Raf Casert and Kelvin Chan
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — Facebook whistleblower Frances Haugen warned this week that the "metaverse," the all-encompassing virtual reality world at the heart of the social media giant's growth strategy, will be addictive and rob people of yet more personal information while giving the embattled company another monopoly online.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Haugen said her former employer rushed to trumpet the metaverse recently because of the intense pressure it is facing after she revealed deep-seated problems at the company, in disclosures that have energized legislative and regulatory efforts around the world to crack down on Big Tech.

"If you don't like the conversation, you try to change the conversation," the former product-manager-turned-whistleblower said.

The documents she has turned over to authorities and her testimony to lawmakers have drawn global attention for providing insight into what Facebook may have known about the damage its social media platforms can cause. She is in the midst of a series of appearances before European lawmakers and regulators who are drawing up rules for social media companies.

Meta, the new name for the parent company of Facebook, denied it was trying to divert attention away from the troubles it faces by pushing the metaverse. "This is not true. We have been working on this for a long time internally," the company said in a statement.

It stressed that it's working to responsibly build the



Facebook whistleblower Frances Haugen. **AP**

metaverse — essentially a series of interconnected virtual communities that will merge online life with real life. CEO Mark Zuckerberg has said that users will, for example, be able to attend virtual concerts or fence with holograms of Olympic athletes in the metaverse — and he re-focused the entire company on creating it, including renaming the business Meta.

But the new focus on the metaverse creates a whole new set of dangers, Haugen said. In "Snow Crash," the 1992 sci-fi novel that coined the phrase, "it was a thing that people used to numb themselves when their lives were horrible," she said.

"So beyond the fact that these immersive environments are extremely addictive and they encourage people to unplug from the reality we actually live," she said. "I'm also worried about it on the level of — the metaverse will require us to put many, many more sensors in our homes and our workplaces," forcing users to relinquish more of their data and their privacy.

In a presentation last month, Zuckerberg described how the metaverse would allow for mixed-reality business meetings where some participants are physically present while others

beam in as avatars.

But Haugen said employees of companies that use the metaverse would have little option but to participate in the system or leave their jobs.

"If your employer decides they're now a metaverse company, you have to give out way more personal data to a company that's demonstrated that it lies whenever it is in its best interests," she said.

And she cautioned the public not to expect more transparency.

"They've demonstrated with regard to Facebook that they can hide behind a wall. They keep making unforced errors, they keep making things that prioritize their own profits over our safety," she said.

In the interview, she expressed astonishment that the company would shift focus to a whole new realm while it is under such intense criticism about the areas where it is already working.

"They're going to hire 10,000 engineers to work on video games when they haven't actually gotten safety right on their main product," Haugen said.

For that, she faulted Zuckerberg personally, saying he has exhibited a pattern of prioritizing growth over making sure Facebook is good for users.

"I think that is a failure of leadership," she said. "Unless he wants to prioritize the safety of the platform, he should step aside and let someone else focus on that."

The company denied that it's putting profits over safety. "Yes, we're a business and we make profit, but the idea that we do so at the expense of people's safety or well-being misunderstands where our own commercial interests lie," it said, adding that it plans to spend more than \$5 billion in 2021 on safety and security and employs more than 40,000 people who work on keeping users safe.

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Will families be able to use child care subsidies?

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One of the more expensive and potentially transformational provisions included in the \$2.5 trillion reconciliation package now before Congress: a new child care entitlement that would pay for 100 percent of child care costs for families making less than their state's median income (about \$100,000 nationwide). Families making up to 2.5 times their state's median would pay no more than 7 percent of their income toward child care.

With subsidies topping out at \$429,000 of income for a family of four living in D.C. — and lawmakers removing a provision that would have prevented millionaires from receiving subsidies — nearly every family in America would be eligible.

By starting a new right to "top tier" child care, it may seem that the program will make child care accessible and affordable.

Not so fast. A lot of strings are attached to the new program — strings that will drive up costs and prevent the majority of current child care providers from qualifying for government subsidies.

While unlimited taxpayer spending

would cover higher costs — potentially leading to new child care programs — few providers would be willing to establish child care programs that would be unaffordable to families once the subsidies run out in 2027. The program's requirements, including paying a "living wage" that equals over \$39 per hour for a single mom in Boston, could double child care costs.

Perhaps the biggest failure of the new child care entitlement is that it treats providers that accept subsidies as recipients of federal financial assistance.

That's a really big deal because unlike current child care grants, it means that faith-based providers can't operate their programs or hire their staff based on their beliefs and mission statements.

Since the mission of most faith-based child care programs is to practice their core beliefs in service to parents and children, few providers will be willing to compromise to become subsidized providers.

Moreover, the physical changes and administrative burdens required to become "top tier" providers will likely be so onerous as to drive out all faith-based and in-home family providers. Most congregations and in-home providers

won't have the capacity or willingness to transform their buildings and homes to meet new space requirements, buy new equipment and furniture, and conform to new green energy standards.

Already, the burden of existing child care regulations has contributed to a 52 percent decline in the number of small in-home providers between 2005 and 2017. And licensed in-home providers who already spend 51 hours a week caring for children and another 18 hours on administrative care don't have time for even more "top tier" child care regulations.

It's not surprising that a universal pre-K program is "strangling" private day-care providers in Chicago, or that New Jersey's program is fraught with political favoritism and an accountability crisis.

The crowding out of faith- and family-based providers will be bad news for parents whose preferences don't match certain politicians' visions of state-run child care utopias.

According to a recent Bipartisan Policy Center survey, only 31 percent of working parents use center-based child care, and among them, 53 percent use faith-based child care programs. That means only 15

percent of working parents are currently using secular, center-based child care programs that are likely to become subsidized providers.

Contrary to stated goals, the new child care entitlement will disproportionately benefit high-income, city-dwelling parents where secular, center-based providers can more readily conform to subsidized providers. Meanwhile, most lower-income and rural families will receive nothing and could be left with fewer options.

Affordable child care is a difficult issue because paying for child care means you have to make more than the person caring for your children. But parents dearly value the people who help care for our children. And we hold fast to choosing the environment we believe is best for our children.

Instead of a one-size-fits-all government program, policymakers should focus on helping families achieve the child care they desire. That includes removing barriers to more flexible and affordable options and allowing parents to use existing Head Start funds at a provider of their choice.

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Big business can't rely on Republicans

By **Michael R. Strain**
Bloomberg Opinion

The marriage between big business and the Republican Party has long been one of the strongest in American politics. But that relationship is on the rocks, and the rift is growing wider and wider.

The conflict puts business leaders in the agonizing position of being caught between newly hostile Republicans and traditionally antagonistic Democrats. The correct response is not to commit to either party, but to find allies in both. Importantly, executives need to engage in a campaign of persuasion about the importance of free markets and of policy that creates a productive business climate.

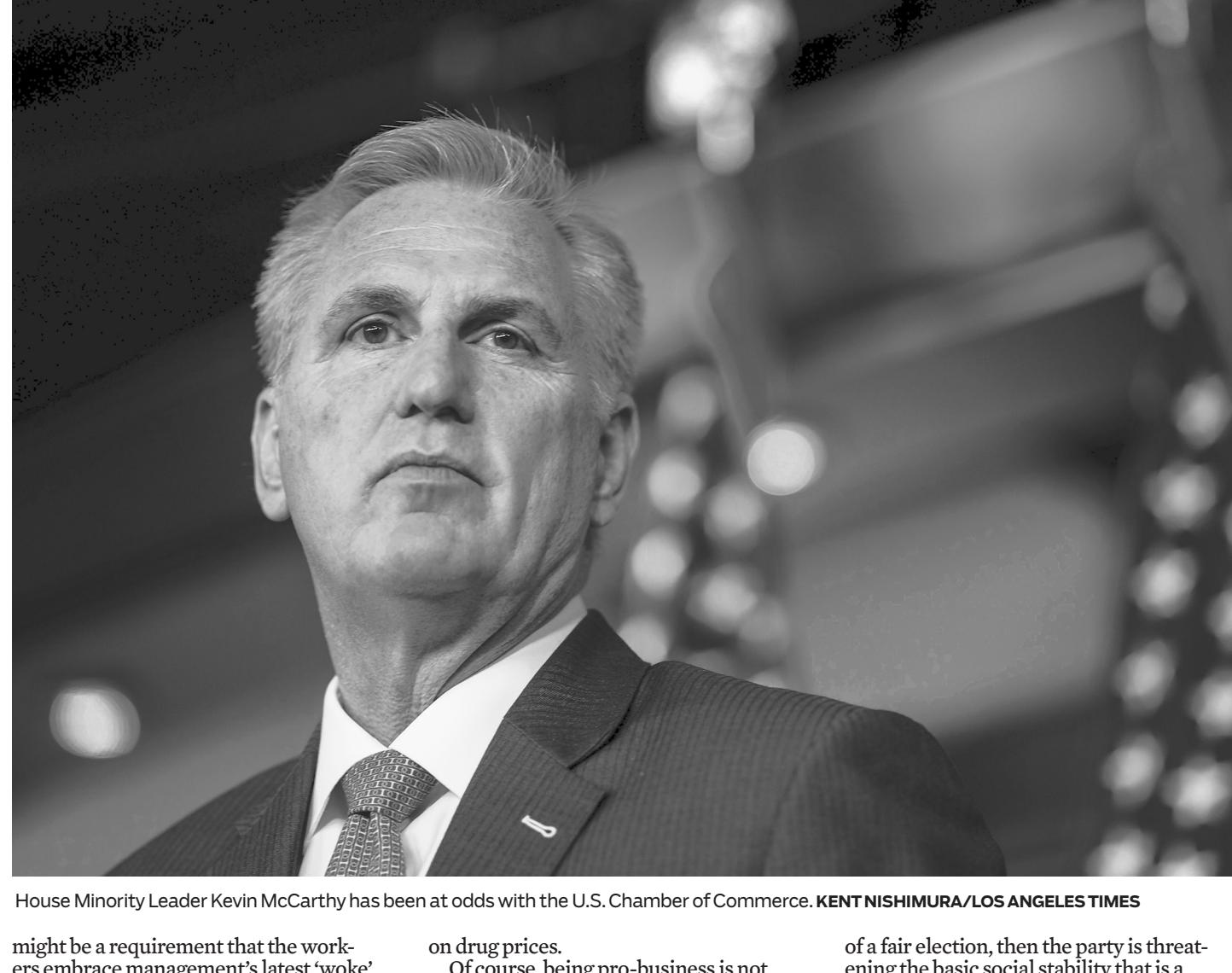
The conflict between big business and the GOP has spilled into the open. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the nation's most powerful pro-business lobbying organization, has been a close and crucial Republican ally seemingly forever. So it came as a shock when the Chamber backed 23 freshman House Democrats in the 2020 elections.

In its pre-populist era, Republicans might have tried to mend fences. Not this time. House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy's response was to declare, "I don't want the U.S. Chamber's endorsement because they have sold out." Six months later, Sen. Tom Cotton, a potential 2024 presidential candidate, called the Chamber "a front service for woke corporations."

Last month, House Republican leaders kicked the Chamber off their strategy calls about the Democrats' climate and social-spending package, dubbed the Build Back Better bill, despite their shared opposition to the legislation. This self-destructive tantrum on the part of GOP leaders came after the Chamber criticized some House Republicans for not publicly supporting the bipartisan infrastructure bill that passed the House last Friday. "I didn't even know the Chamber was around anymore," McCarthy sneered.

The rift goes beyond the Chamber. Last March, employees at an Amazon factory in Bessemer, Alabama, tried to unionize. Shockingly, Republican Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida backed the unionization effort.

In an op-ed explaining his decision, Rubio wrote that "companies like Amazon have been allies of the left in the culture war." Rubio cited the need of workers to protect themselves: "Today it might be workplace conditions, but tomorrow it



House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy has been at odds with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. KENT NISHIMURA/LOS ANGELES TIMES

might be a requirement that the workers embrace management's latest 'woke' human resources fad."

The split appears to reflect the sentiment of rank-and-file Republicans, as well. Gallup conducted its annual "confidence in institutions" poll last summer. Only 20% of Republicans expressed a great deal of confidence in big business, a 12-percentage-point drop from one year earlier. Republican confidence in business is lower than it has been in the half-century history of the poll, according to Gallup.

There are many factors driving Republicans and business leaders apart. First, the GOP's long-standing commitment to free enterprise has weakened. This began brewing during President Donald Trump's time in office. Trump's trade wars hurt many companies, and his willingness to use his soapbox and the power of his office to affect corporate behavior sent chills through the business community.

Or take Sen. Josh Hawley, the populist Missouri Republican, who wants to break up social media companies, curtail free trade and impose heavy-handed regulation

on drug prices.

Of course, being pro-business is not the same as being in favor of free markets. It may be reasonable, for example, for pro-market conservatives to favor more vigorous antitrust enforcement to keep markets competitive even though incumbent, large businesses would be opposed. But Trump and his supporters don't side with free markets ahead of big business — instead, they often cast their lot with big government and industrial policy.

Second, the business community feels a sense of civic responsibility in the face of some of the most troubling aspects of today's GOP. Trump's shameful response to the 2017 white nationalist riot in Charlottesville, Virginia, led Merck's chief executive to resign from a White House business council. Charlottesville was a turning point for many corporate leaders.

Similarly, the fact that some GOP leaders are unwilling to clearly and forcefully acknowledge that President Joe Biden's 2020 election victory was fairly won probably plays a similar role. If important segments of the GOP won't back the result

of a fair election, then the party is threatening the basic social stability that is a prerequisite for long-term prosperity and business success.

Finally, many businesses are adopting the aesthetics of the left's cultural agenda, derided as "wokeism" by its critics. These businesses are trying to gain market share and to attract and retain customers and employees by revising their approaches to race, sex, climate change and other divisive topics. The effort is costing them support among Republicans.

In response, business leaders are hedging their bets and trying to make inroads with Democrats. The challenge facing them is that the Democratic Party remains even less friendly to its interests than the GOP, despite all the latter's shortcomings.

Executives have no choice but to ride out the populist storm. For some time to come, like many others in this bizarre period, big business is becoming a community without a political party.

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Deck the halls with conversations on ... infrastructure?



Gail Collins

OK, people, holiday season is upon us. Lots of socializing to do. You've got to come up with some current events conversations. So all thoughts turn to ... the infrastructure bill!

Really, it's a cheery topic. You say: "Hey, Joe Biden got that infrastructure bill!"

And your friends say:

"Care for another cocktail?"

"Did you see the football game?"

"Yeah, that's ... good!"

Maybe not the sexiest topic in the world, but do you want to chat about the other one? You know, Biden's still-to-come, very ambitious plan to improve the social safety net, Build Back Better?

We will stop now for one minute to ask why an administration with two big programs it's been pushing all year, the one with a ton of construction projects and the other on social services, called the social

services one Build Back Better.

Meanwhile, the infrastructure one is the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Less punchy, right? Nicknamed IIJA? Rhymes with Ouija?

Can't talk about this enough. One trillion dollars! And the bill even got a slice of Republican support. By the standards of present-day Washington, the votes were a chorus of amity. In the Senate it was 69-30, and in the House, 228-206.

Opponents ranged from House progressives who are trying to mobilize behind the social services plan to our old pal Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, who posted the phone numbers on Twitter of fellow Republicans who voted for what she said was "Joe Biden's Communist takeover of America."

And what, you may wonder, was Sen. Joe Manchin doing when all this cash was being doled out? He is, of course, one of the Democrats who have been a total drag on the Biden agenda, citing his deep concern about overspending and the deficit.

Manchin was fine with the infrastructure bill! This has nothing whatsoever to do with the fact that his wife is a leader of the Appalachian Regional Commission,

which is slated to get a bunch of money.

Mitch McConnell called the bill a "godsend," which is surprising for the Republican leader but perfectly reasonable for a guy whose constituents, when they are traveling across the Ohio River, have to worry about being hit by concrete falling from the Brent Spence bridge.

Be prepared. Once we move along and the actual spending begins, there are gonna be some not-totally-desperately-necessary, porky projects uncovered. After all, this is an enormous, enormous commitment. If you adjust for inflation, it's about the amount we spent developing the Interstate Highway System.

But there's the prospect for a ton of good things — from expanding broadband accessibility in rural areas to reducing lead contamination in water pipes. And it's driving Donald Trump nuts.

"Why is it that Old Crow Mitch McConnell voted for a terrible Democrat Socialist Infrastructure Plan, and induced others in his Party to do likewise, when he was incapable of getting a great Infrastructure Plan wanting to be put forward by me and the Republican Party?" our ex-president wanted to know.

Back in the day, Trump did indeed call for a big infrastructure plan, which you will be astonished to hear totally failed.

Let's go back to 2019. Infrastructure was on the move! Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi were at the White House, primed to meet with Trump on their mutual plan. The president came in, refused to shake anyone's hand and announced he would not talk about infrastructure while under investigation by Democrats.

We will not follow the story any further except to say that Trump then held a press conference in which he howled that Pelosi had used the word "cover-up," and he then went into a tirade about Donald Jr. being picked on. And that was that.

Despite his infrastructure rant, Trump himself seems focused on — yes! — collecting money. His most interesting communication of the week was an email offering fans an official Trump Christmas stocking for \$50. If you want to think about a holiday downer, truly, think about looking over the fireplace and seeing a huge sock with Donald Trump's face on it.

Collins is a columnist for The New York Times.

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11/12/2021 7085248

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF DEEP RIVER PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

The Deep River Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom Videconference, for the following:

a. Special Permit Application, Town Use (Farmers/Craft Market), Deep River Congregational Church, 1 Church Street (Map 57, Lot 86); Applicant: Paul Santowski (Town of Deep River, Sponsor)

b. Text Amendment Application: Section 4.16.8. Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Cannabis Facilities; Applicant: Deep River Planning & Zoning Commission

The public may speak and submit written communications until the close of the public hearing. Details zoning@deepriverct.us or available in the Land Use Office.

Anthony Bolduc
Chairman
11/5/2021, 11/12/2021 7078973

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The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) seeks proposals from qualified and experienced firms to provide consulting services for planning and grant writing expertise for integrated projects in Business Innovation Supports, Youth Pipeline Development, Educational On-Ramps and development of the Parkville Innovation Hub. CRCOG's intent is to award and contract with one or more vendors to provide services for the projects included in this RFP. Awards are contingent upon receiving a Phase I Grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). A proposal for participation, including a preliminary scope of work, consulting firm requirements and submission instructions may be found on the CRCOG website at <http://crcog.org/rfpfaq/>. Questions should be submitted to the CRCOG Bonfire Portal as detailed in the RFP Responses are due no later than December 16, 2021, 5:00 p.m. 11/12/2021 7084347

City of Bristol, Connecticut INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that the Purchasing Department for the City of Bristol, Connecticut is accepting sealed responses on the following:

2022-045 Avant Compact Loader; due November 30, 2021 at 2:00 pm
2022-046 Canon Cinema Camera Equipment for Board of Education; due November 24, 2021 at 2:00 pm

Sealed responses via the QuestCDN online bidding system will be accepted until the due date and time as noted above. The City reserves the right to accept all or bid responses, and to accept all or bid responses, if in its judgment the best interests of the City will be served. Submission of bid documents are subject to a \$15.00 bid posting fee payable to QuestCDN, the cost of which shall be borne solely by the bidder.

The successful bidder shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, gender, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, gender, or national origin.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

Docket No. HD21A079AD
In the matter of: Julio Enrique Negron To: Julio E Negron
any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth.

Hampden Probate and Family Court
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(413) 748-7758

A petition has been presented to said court by:

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Specified
ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON:

11/29/2021
WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court
Date: November 5, 2021
/s/ Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
11/12/21 7084210

Other

NOTICE

The duly authorized agent of the Newington Conservation commission, on November 10, 2021, has taken the following action on the application noted below:

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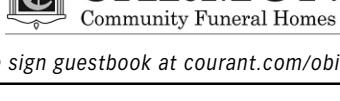
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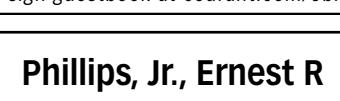
Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES**Arnold, Joyce B.**

	Joyce B. Arnold, 86, of Farmington, formerly a 55-year resident of New Milford and beloved wife for over 50 years to the late Richard G. Arnold, passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 4th, 2021. Born on March 2, 1935 in Bridgeport she was the only child of the late James and Emma (Toth) Gordon. Joyce graduated with honors from Bassick High School and received a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy. Along with her husband Dick she was co-proprietor of the Kent Pharmacy in Kent for more than 25 years. Joyce was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She enjoyed traveling, especially vacationing at Cape Cod and had a passion for antiques and gardening. Joyce loved animals and supported numerous animal rescue shelters and charitable organizations. Joyce was also involved in enhancing the community life in New Milford. She was active in the New Milford Historical Society and she served as a den mother for the Cub Scouts. She is survived by a daughter, Karen Volinski of Avon and her husband Jack; her son Douglas Arnold of Otis, Massachusetts and his wife Glynis; her son Kurt Arnold of Parkton, Maryland, and two grandchildren, Mark Volinski of Brooklyn, NY and Kristen Fishman of Wellesley, MA. She is also survived by her dear feline friend, Baxter. Services will be held on Monday, November 15th, at New Milford Center Cemetery at 11AM. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Animal Welfare Society of New Milford, 8 Dodd Road, New Milford, CT 06776, or at http://aws-shelter.org/ . The Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center of Avon is entrusted with the arrangements. To share a memory or condolence message with Joyce's family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com .
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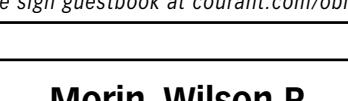
	Maryan W. Cowles, 83, of East Granby, beloved wife for 51 years of Leonard Sanford Cowles, passed away peacefully on Friday, November 5, 2021, at Hartford Hospital. Born in Belleville, AR on December 31, 1937, daughter of the late Joseph S. and Bertha (Allen) Carter, she moved to California, Florida, and then Connecticut with her family as a young girl and was a graduate of Bristol High School, Class of 1955. While in high school, Maryann was a member of the school band where she played coronet and trumpet. Her love of music led her to also perform in the Salvation Army Band on weekends and during the summer months. After high school, Maryan enlisted in the US Air Force and served during the Korean War. After her honorable discharge, Maryan continued to serve in the US Air Force Reserves and in the Connecticut Air National Guard for over 20 years. Maryan worked at Anderson Labs, Choice Vend Industries, and Konica-Minolta before her retirement in 2004. In her spare time, she enjoyed camping, spending time in the great outdoors with her husband and family, photography, and quilting. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Bloomfield. Besides her husband, she leaves two children, April Joy Davis Dean of Fremont, NC, and Erik Sanford Cowles and his wife Rebecca of Windsor Locks; a sister, Florence Alverides of Unionville; five grandchildren, Nicole Dvorovy of North Carolina, Danielle Criscione and her husband Nick of Cohoes, NY, and Anita, Kaitlyne, and Ryan Dingee all of Windsor Locks; five great-grandchildren, Noah Beaman, Gabriel Martin, and Aiden, Nicklaus, and Pierce Criscione; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a granddaughter, Valerie Pontius; two brothers, Sheldon and Millard Carter; and a sister, Ruby Madden Ray. Her family will receive friends on Sunday, November 14, 3-4 p.m., followed by a funeral service at 4 p.m., at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1000 Mountain Rd., Bloomfield. A graveside service with Military Honors will be held on Monday, November 15, 10 a.m., at Elmwood Cemetery, Nicholson Rd., East Granby. Memorial donations may be made to Shriners Children's Hospital, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104. Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home in Granby has care of the arrangements. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com .
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Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries**Phillips, Jr. Ernest R**

Ernest Robert Phillips Jr., 81, of Palmetto FL passed away Tuesday, November 9, 2021, surrounded by his family. Born in New Britain CT, he was a long-time resident of Middletown, CT, graduating from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1958. Ernest worked at Pratt & Whitney for 37 years before retiring to his piece of heaven in Palmetto, FL. He enjoyed camping and sightseeing, taking a month-long vacation every year to a new destination with his family. Collecting model trains and building train layouts were his passion. Ernest was predeceased by his parents, Ernest R. Phillips, Sr. and Stella Natalia (Zakrzewski) Phillips and sister Marilyn Phillips. He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years Suzanne (Sledzik) Phillips, brother Raymond Phillips, and daughters Sandra McKenney and spouse Dean McKenney, Linda Ferrigno and spouse Robert Ferrigno, grandchildren Dennis McKenney (Lena McKenney), Sarah Ferrigno, and Kelly McKenney; great grandchildren Emmett and Adeline McKenney, in addition several nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org .
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Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries**OBITUARIES****Minguy, Eleanor I. Gendron**

Eleanor Irene (Gendron) Minguy, 91, of South Windsor, beloved wife of Joseph E. Minguy died peacefully on Sunday, November 7, 2021, at home, surrounded by her family. Eleanor was born in Lexington, MA, on October 16, 1930, daughter to the late Aime and Marion (Grenier) Gendron. She grew up in Warwick, RI, and was a graduate of Lockwood High School Class of 1948. Eleanor was married to the love of her life, Joseph Minguy on December 26, 1953. They began their life together in East Greenwich, RI, before moving to South Windsor in 1956. Prior to moving to South Windsor, she worked for many years in payroll for Berkshire Hathaway and Jade Manufacturing. A woman of deep faith, Eleanor was an active parishioner of St. Margaret Mary Church (South Windsor) where she served on various committees throughout the years such as volunteering with Church Bingo, and sorting clothing for St. Vincent DePaul. Eleanor fostered newborns prior to their adoption for Children and Family Services and later worked as a daycare provider for 13 years. She enjoyed knitting, volunteering through the SW Community Center for FISH, and delivering for Meals on Wheels. In her spare time, she enjoyed playing cards at the South Windsor Senior Center with her many friends. While at home, besides being a wonderful wife and mother, she loved to garden and plant flowers in her yard. Along with her husband Joseph of over 68 years, she leaves her children, Stephen M. Minguy and his wife Cyndi of Homosassa, FL, Kevin E. Minguy of Jupiter, FL, Karen A. Patrie and her husband Michael of South Windsor, and Brian R. Minguy and his wife Sandra of South Windsor; her sister, Pauline Formisano of Elon, NC; her grandchildren whom she adored, Melissa, Scott, Kristin, Kolin, Brendan, Maggie, Connor, and Tara; her great grandchildren, Teagan, Aubrey, Caden, Nolan, and Corbin; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her granddaughter, Hannah. Her family will receive friends on Monday, November 15, 2021, from 4-7 p.m., at the Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Rd., South Windsor. Family and friends may gather on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, 10 a.m., at the funeral home; followed by a Mass of Christian Burial 11 a.m., at St. Margaret Mary Church, 80 Hayes Rd., South Windsor. Burial will be private at the request of her family. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to St. Jude's Children and Research Hospital. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries**Sawyer, Eric S.**

Eric S. Sawyer, 'Ric', 76, beloved husband of Pamela (Ziegler) Sawyer, of Bolton, passed away November 5, 2021, at Hartford Hospital.

Born in Providence, RI, to the late Carl S. Sawyer, M.D., and Gertrude (Doliber) Sawyer, Ric proudly served his country retiring with 27 years as a pilot in the US ARMY and National Guard with a combat tour in Vietnam. His career continued as a corporate and State Police helicopter pilot for 45 years. Racing motorcycles, treasuring old cars, bee keeping, 'tinkering' in the garage, spending time with family and friends on the farm in Vermont, were only a touch of what he loved to do.

He is survived by his daughters Margaret Sawyer, Elizabeth Krueger and husband Sean, grandsons Jackson and Maxwell; siblings Carl D. Sawyer and wife Ava, Elizabeth Fitzgibbons, Mary Sawyer and husband William Allinder, Laura Sawyer, David Sawyer and wife Caroline, and Peter Sawyer. He was predeceased by his brother Richard Sawyer and brother-in-law Paul Fitzgibbons. Ric has many beloved nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 41 Park Street in Manchester, CT, followed with military honors. Burial will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to American Huey 369 Museum, 209 South Broadway, Peru, IN, 46970 or the charity of one's choice. For online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.

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Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries**Tedford, Richard D.**

Richard D. Tedford, Rick, 70, of Windham, passed away peacefully, Monday, November 8, 2021, at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Manchester, April 14, 1951. He was the son of the late John V. and Evelyn (Davis) Tedford.

Rick is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 32 years, Sandy Tedford, his kids Rick Tedford, Jr. and wife Beth, Neil Tedford, Joe Milone and wife Allie, and Anne Milone, XL and his grandson, XL4. Also surviving Rick are his sisters, Deb Tedford and Jane Hopkins; his mother-in-law, Corinne Miller; several aunts and cousins, including Chip Manager and Ted Tedford, who were more like brothers; 3 brother/sisters-in-law and their families; friends and neighbors, too many to mention by name. Rick never met a stranger who didn't immediately become a friend.

Rick worked 39 years as a Jet Engine Mechanic at Pratt Whitney in Middletown. He enjoyed antique cars, even owned a few through the years. He liked working in his yard, reading books, listening to country western music, taking long rides in his car or truck, but mostly he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and cookouts in the backyard (the more in attendance, the better!). Rick's next favorite thing to do was to make people laugh. Wherever he went, sarcasm and humor were a big part of who he was. He was making us laugh right up to the end. Rick taught us to be true to ourselves, work hard, be self-sufficient, love family and friends and always, always have a sense of humor! He will be missed by all who knew him, but he can rest easy knowing we will carry on his teachings, carry his love in our hearts and will do our best to keep his humor alive! He will be a hard act to follow!

Calling hours and funeral services will be held on Saturday, November 13, 12 noon to 2:00pm at Holmes-Watkins Funeral Home, 400 Main St. Manchester. In honor of Rick, dress casual and wear a flannel shirt. Burial will be private, at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, make someone smile or, better yet, laugh; or make a donation to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or your favorite charity. To leave a memory or message of condolence, please visit holmeswatkins.com

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Gary G. Termine, 57, of Middletown CT, left us surrounded by his friends and family on November 8th, 2021 from Leukemia. Gary was a hardworking member of the U.S. Postal service, working in East Hampton and Marlborough. Gary was predeceased by his Mother Lillian (Pisa) Termine, his father, Emanuel "Manny"

Termine Jr, and his sister, Lucette Faraci. Gary is survived by his son, Joseph Termine, daughter-in-law Morgan Reich, his fiancé Dawn Symancyk, her son Andrew Symancyk, his close friends Peter Seymour, Chris Szarek, Ruthie Giles, and many more. Services will be held at Biela funeral home, 3 Silver Street, Middletown CT, on Tuesday the 16th from 5-7; A Funeral mass will be held at St Pius X 310 Westfield St. Middletown CT, On Wednesday the 17th at 11am, a burial will be held at a later date. To share memories or express condolences online please visit [www.bielaufurneralhome.com](http://bielaufurneralhome.com).

Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries**Wayne, Julianne**

Julianne Wayne, 81, of Avon, CT, died on October 12, 2021, due to the impact of Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's disease. Julianne was born to immigrant parents with eighth-grade educations and made her family proud when she was recognized by the Mayor of New York City for being in the top one percent of New York City high school graduates and being named a Regent's Scholar. She left her home in Brooklyn at age 16 to attend Cornell University. After graduating Cornell, she moved to Boston to earn her MSW at Boston University, eventually to be followed by an Ed.D. at Clark University. She taught social work for 25 years each at Boston University and then at UConn. A leader in the profession, she co-authored two books, many articles, including a seminal piece on field education, and helped to launch the social work profession in Armenia. She won awards for her writing, her teaching, and her lifetime contributions to the profession. While in the Boston area she met her wonderfully smart, nurturing, and forward-thinking husband of 56 years, Murray Wayne. Together they stood up for what was right, cared for people and cats who were

fortunate enough to cross their path, and raised a daughter, Raymie Wayne, who became the center of their worlds. Their love and pride for Raymie was matched only by their love and pride for their grandson, Chase. The true essence of Julianne, however, was her combined gifts of humor, sensitivity, and an innate ability to know people. Her signature was her dinner parties where friends would come and laugh for hours, sometimes begging her to retell embellished stories that became funnier and more ridiculous with each iteration. The truth was no obstacle to humor. Julianne's gift of understanding people resulted in her introducing three couples who eventually married. Julianne's feisty playfulness led her to a comedic routine with the telemarketers that caused them to remove her from their lists! A favorite memory of her grandson's is Friday night comedies with Mama (Julianne) and Mom (Raymie), the three of them snuggled into a two-person loveseat. Julianne left behind many people whom she loved and loved her greatly. In addition to Raymie and Chase, her nieces and

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Johnson, Donna Elizabeth



It is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Donna Elizabeth Johnson, 69, of East Hartford on Tuesday November 9th at home surrounded by her loved ones.

Born in Southington, CT, Donna worked for many years as a bartender at a local establishment and touched many lives and was loved by all who met her. Donna is survived by her 3 sons, Darren Freeman and his wife Marilyn of Moosup, Daniel Freeman and his wife Anna of South Windsor and Christopher Ragazzi of East Hartford. Donna is also survived by her 3 grandchildren, Vanessa Freeman and her fiancé Addison of Vernon, Peter Freeman of South Windsor and Melina Freeman of South Windsor a sister Denise Manforte of Florida and her brother Rod Johnson and his wife Pam of East Hartford. She is also survived by her close friend Eileen Parent and her husband Brian of Old Saybrook. Services will be held privately for her family as Donna requested not to have a public service. Thank you for your kindness and support through this difficult time.

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Soucy, CSJ, Sr. Marita



WEST HARTFORD- Sister Marita Soucy (Muriel Marie Soucy), a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph, West Hartford, CT, died at Monsignor Bojnowski Manor in New Britain on November 11. Born in Hartford, CT, on October 5, 1931, of the late Clifford Soucy and Blanche Morency Soucy. Sister Marita entered the Sisters of St. Joseph on September 8, 1949. She celebrated her Perpetual Profession of Vows on August 24, 1955. At the time of her death, Sister Marita was 90 years of age and in her 72nd year of Religious Life.

Sister Marita earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Diocesan Sisters College, West Hartford, CT, a Master's Degree in French from Assumption College, Worcester, MA, and Certification in Elementary School Administration from Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT. During her years of elementary school teaching and principalships in the Archdiocesan Schools of Hartford and the Bridgeport Diocese, she found time to spend her summers in Appalachia teaching Bible School in Kentucky. Along with three other Sisters of St. Joseph, Sister helped establish a Day Care Center in the Kentucky hills for local children. Sister Marita eventually gave in to her adventurous nature and in 1986 moved to Alaska where, with several other Sisters of St. Joseph, she established a ministry in Fairbanks, AK. She first taught and then assumed a principalship at Immaculate Conception School in Fairbanks. Later, Sister took a position at the Chancery of Fairbanks, where she ably inaugurated the Stephen Ministry Program of the Diocese of Fairbanks and was the founding board member of the Urban Samaritan Center. Both programs served the poor.

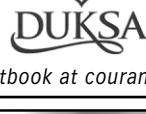
Never one to refuse a challenge, Sister Marita accepted an invitation from Fairbank's Bishop Michael J. Kaniecki, SJ, to work in the field of pastoral ministry, attending to the elderly, the dying, and the imprisoned. Eventually, a long-desired dream materialized as Sister moved to Galena, AK, to work with the Koyukon Athabaskan Indian community. She served as co-director of the Kateri Tekakwitha Center, the first of its kind along the Yukon River. There Sister worked tirelessly and lovingly within the villages along the river, providing Stephen Ministry Outreach, adult Scripture classes, and retreat work. On returning to Fairbanks, AK, Sister inaugurated the Office of Urban Native Ministry of the Fairbanks Diocese.

Sister Marita also had the joy of creating the Lay Associates of the Sisters of St. Joseph. To this day, CSJ Associates continue to work for the poor even though our Sisters no longer minister in the state of Alaska. After twenty-four years, Sister Marita left her beloved mission, but the people have not forgotten her years of dedication. Sister Marita, fortunately, was able to visit and re-connect with the people on her yearly visit to her sister, Claire, who resides in Fairbanks. Upon her return to CT, she never retired.

Sister Marita loved family, friends, and her Sisters in Community without distinction, evidenced by her cheerful disposition, loving greeting, and happy smile. Even these last years, as physical diminishment and the aging process set in, Sister lived the present moment as if it were the best moment of her life. She immensely enjoyed life, and her infectious laughter was a direct sign of the exuberant joy she felt in her heart. Sister Marita often said that if she were to have a coat of arms, it would read from St. Peter: "Cast all your cares on the Lord, knowing that God has care for you." She also would mention that her name Soucy meant "care." She cared for all with whom and for whom she ministered.

In addition to her Sisters in Community, especially her good friend, Sister Elizabeth Anderson, Sister Marita is survived by her sister, Claire Desrochers, and many nieces and nephews. Sister is predeceased by her sisters and brothers-in-law, Annette and Andy Moreau and Aline and Larry Fagan, her brother, Leo Soucy, her sister, Jeanne Soucy, and a brother-in-law, Bob Desrochers.

The Sisters of St. Joseph wish to thank the Monsignor Bojnowski staff for their compassionate care for Sister Marita, especially in her last illness. Likewise, we thank Franciscan Hospice Care for their caring presence and attention to Sister Marita. Due to the current COVID-19 health conditions and restrictions, a graveside service for family, friends, and Sisters will take place Saturday, November 13, at 10:00 a.m. at the Sisters of St. Joseph Cemetery in West Hartford. If unvaccinated, please wear a mask. In lieu of flowers, we ask that you consider a memorial donation to the Sisters of St. Joseph, c/o Office of Mission Advancement, 650 Willard Avenue, Newington, CT 06111. Fisette-Batzner Funeral Home, 20 Bonair Avenue, Newington, has care of the arrangements. To share a memory with Marita's family, please visit us at www.duksa.net



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Zissopoulos, Costos "Custy"



Costos "Custy" J. Zissopoulos, 89, of Southington, husband of 50 years to Melanie (Sepko) (Zarrella) Zissopoulos, passed away at home on Wednesday, November 10, 2021. He was born on February 3, 1932 in Bristol to the late Naoum and Rita (Poulos) Zissopoulos. Custy attended the Norwich Academy in VT and was a lieutenant for over 30 years for the Bristol Fire Department. He also owned and operated Bristol Crane Service. Custy enjoyed being on job sites and meeting people. He was a proud veteran of the US Armed Forces and a member of Saint Demetrios Greek Church. In addition to his wife, Melanie, Custy leaves his sons Jeff "Jet" Zarrella and his fiancée Carla Mongillo of Southington, Dale Zarrella of HI; granddaughter Shala Fernandez and her children of HI; niece Cary Rubbo and her husband Nick and their children Dana, Zoe and Reed of Harwinton. He is predeceased by his sister Catherine Mecca and nephew Daryl N. Mecca. Per Custy's wishes, services will be held private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Saint Demetrios Greek Church, 31 Brightwood Rd. Bristol, CT 06010. To leave an online message of condolence, share a memory or a photo, please visit Custy's tribute page at www.O'Brien-FuneralHome.com.



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As you celebrate your birthday with the angels, we celebrate our loving memories of you. Forever in our hearts and always missed. John, Karra & Sophia

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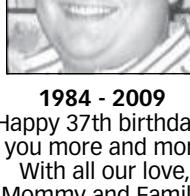
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Happy 25th birthday in heaven our beautiful Joey. We miss you more with each passing day. Our memories of your beautiful smile, your kind and loving heart will sustain us until we meet again. We are so thankful for the times that we spent with you.

Always in our thoughts forever in our hearts.
We love you Joey, Grammy and Grampy LaPenta

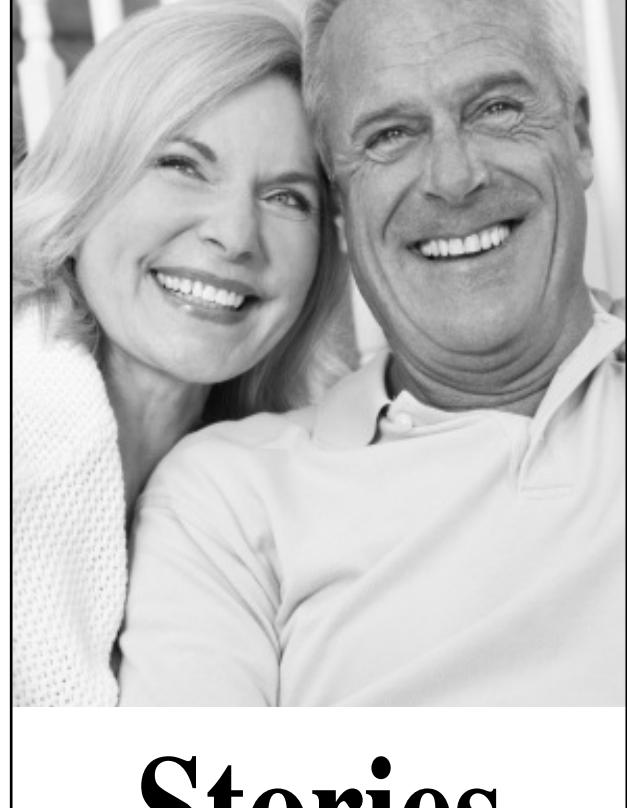
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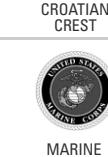
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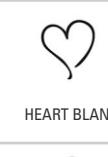


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High exemption rates draw scrutiny

Religious claims more common among state employees, raising concerns about approval policies

By Kasturi Pananjady

CT Mirror

Health care workers in state agencies are claiming medical or religious exemptions to vaccine mandates at a higher rate than health care workers outside government, data show — an imbalance that some say raises questions about whether the state is handing out exemptions too easily.

In general, 10% to 12% of health care workers in most executive branch agencies

are getting tested for COVID after claiming an exemption, instead of getting vaccinated. By comparison, about 2% to 6% of health care workers at the state's top hospitals are testing for COVID after claiming exemptions instead of being vaccinated, a CT Mirror survey of nine hospital systems found.

Of the cases that have been adjudicated, approximately 95% of 200 health care workers in state agencies who claimed a religious exemption were granted one, and

100% of the roughly 20 who claimed a medical exemption were granted one, according to data provided to the CT Mirror by Gov. Ned Lamont's office. By contrast, Hartford HealthCare and Yale New Haven Health reported approving about half of religious exemption requests filed. The Mirror previously reported. Among smaller hospitals, Connecticut Children's approved about 70% of religious exemptions while Middlesex Health approved about 90% as of Nov. 10.

Though the data collected represent a

limited sample, the numbers raise concerns about the state's policies on approving religious exemptions to its vaccine mandate, said Arthur Caplan, professor of bioethics at New York University's Langone School of Medicine.

High approval rates for religious exemptions are "indicative of being too lax, especially around vulnerable people," Caplan said.

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Surging revenues spark talk of tax cuts

But surplus may take a hit as federal virus aid dries up

By Keigh M. Phaneuf

CT Mirror

Surging sales tax receipts are helping to swell Connecticut's already robust coffers by another \$800 million across this fiscal year and next combined, sparking new talk of tax cuts Wednesday as the next state election cycle nears.

But the latest consensus forecast from Gov. Ned Lamont's budget office and the legislature's nonpartisan analysts also shows much of the extra dollars expected this fiscal year and next are tied to federal grants. And it remains unclear how much of this funding will continue as the coronavirus pandemic eases.

"Wall Street is doing good. Capitol Avenue [in Hartford] is doing good. But Main Street is not doing so good right now," said Rep. Sean Scanlon, D-Guilford, who co-chairs the General Assembly's Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee. "Inflation is taking a toll on people."

Scanlon has been pushing hard for a new child credit within the state income tax to pump hundreds of millions of dollars annually to low- and moderate-income families with kids.

"I don't think we should be talking about gimmicky, \$50 rebate checks," Scanlon said. "But substantial relief is something we definitely should be looking into."

Gov. Dannel P. Malloy proposed \$55 rebates to residents as he sought reelection in February 2014, only to have to withdraw his proposal a few months later as it became clear state reserves weren't as robust as he had hoped.

Lamont sparked the tax-cutting discussion Wednesday morning during an unrelated visit to an Enfield school, floating the idea of expanding the property tax credit within the state income tax.

The governor, who is weighing a reelection bid, campaigned in 2018 on a pledge to expand the credit to provide relief to low- and middle-income residents. And while Lamont did not deliver on that tax credit pledge, he signed a budget this spring that

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Middletown Mayor Ben Florsheim, Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz, Gov. Ned Lamont and state Veterans Affairs Commissioner Thomas J. Saadi joined U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal at Thursday's Veterans Day ceremony. SEAMUS MCALVY PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT

'We are grateful for every one of you'

State leaders offer thanks on Veterans Day at Middletown ceremony

By Seamus McAvoy | Hartford Courant

The country's recent full withdrawal from Afghanistan loomed over the proceedings at the Connecticut State Veterans Cemetery in Middletown on Thursday afternoon, where veterans and public officials gathered to celebrate the first Veterans Day since the end of the nearly 20-year war.

"This withdrawal from Afghanistan has been a tough time for [the veterans]," said Sen. Richard Blumenthal at the ceremony. "I want every one of them to know, and I think I speak for all of us, we are proud of you."

"We're proud of your service. We're grateful to you. Regardless of what happened in Afghanistan or Iraq, you served the United States of America well, and we are grateful for every one of you."

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Blumenthal, left, shakes the hand of a Vietnam veteran during the ceremony at the Connecticut State Veterans Cemetery in Middletown.

Father of mauled baby arrested in New London arson, police say

Newborn had been attacked by pit bull hours before fire

By Christine Dempsey

Hartford Courant

Six months after a New London arson, police have arrested the person of interest — a man whose newborn had died in a pit bull attack in Norwich hours before the fire.

Timothy Settles, 33, of Merchant Street in Norwich was arrested Monday on a

warrant charging him with first-degree arson, first-degree reckless endangerment and first-degree criminal mischief. He was in custody at the Corrigan Correctional Center Thursday on \$500,500 bail, according to prison records.

No one was injured in the fire at 10 Rosemary St., which was reported about 4 a.m. May 11. Everyone safely made it outside, police said.

Besides the occupants, Settles was the last person seen at the home before the fire started, police said at the time. A lawyer for

Settles couldn't be reached for comment Thursday.

More than seven hours earlier, about 8:40 p.m., officers a few towns away in Norwich were called to the scene of a dog attack. When they arrived at the McKinley Avenue home, they learned the family's dog had attacked 1-month-old Carter Settles, Timothy Settles' son.

Timothy Settles was not at the home at the time of the mauling. The baby was with his mother and paternal grandmother, police said.

Police said one of the women was holding Carter when the pit bull jumped up and began biting him. The baby had "multiple traumatic injuries" and didn't survive. At the time, police said they didn't know why the dog attacked the baby.

Settles then disappeared, and New London police asked the public to help them find him.

They didn't say why Settles is suspected of targeting the New London house, nor

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Where to get your children vaccinated against COVID-19

By Eliza Fawcett

Hartford Courant

COVID-19 vaccinations for children ages 5 to 11 are well underway in Connecticut, with a number of upcoming public vaccination clinics scheduled for locations across the state.

The state Department of Public Health recommends that parents or guardians visit ct.gov/covidvaccine to schedule a vaccination for their child. Parents can also reach out directly to their child's pediatrician, or to one of the hospitals, pharmacies or clinics administering the vaccine, to make an appointment.

But there are also a wide range of public vaccination clinics scheduled for the coming days in towns across the state, some of which are walk-ups and others that encourage appointments in advance.

Hartford HealthCare announced Thursday that they will vaccinate 2,200 children Saturday at six different clinics statewide, including in Bridgeport, Hartford, New Britain, Norwich, Torrington and Wethersfield.

As of Thursday morning, about 75% of appointments were already filled, officials said. Parents wishing to schedule vaccinations for their

children are encouraged to do so online at hartfordhealthcare.org.

Connecticut Children's, Saint Francis Hospital and the city of Hartford are also hosting a vaccine clinic Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Dunkin' Donuts Park in Hartford. The clinic will accept walk-ins as well as appointments.

Cromwell

The Stop & Shop at 195 West Street will be hosting a vaccine clinic for children ages 5 to 11 on Tuesday, Nov. 16 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Parents can schedule their child's appointment at www.stopandshop.com/covid-vaccine.

Hartford

On Saturday, Nov. 13, from noon to 4 p.m., Connecticut Children's and Hartford HealthCare are hosting a public vaccine clinic for children ages 5 to 11 at Hartford Hospital's Heublein Hall, located at 560 Hudson Street. Appointments are strongly encouraged and can be scheduled at <https://bit.ly/2YCD6ai>. Kids who get their first shot Saturday will be scheduled for their second dose Dec. 4.

Connecticut Children's, Saint Francis Hospital and the City of

Hartford are hosting a vaccine clinic this Sunday, Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Dunkin' Donuts Park, at 1214 Main Street. Appointments for the clinic be scheduled by calling 860-757-4830, but walk-ins will also be taken. Three weeks later, on Sunday, Dec. 5, children will be able to receive their second dose.

Madison

A free vaccination clinic, run by the state Department of Public Health, will be held on Friday, Nov. 12 at the Town Campus Gym, at 8 Town Campus Drive, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. No appointment, insurance or identification is required.

The Stop & Shop at 128 Samson Rock Road will be hosting a vaccine clinic for children ages 5 to 11 on Saturday, Nov. 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parents can schedule their child's appointment at www.stopandshop.com/covid-vaccine.

Middletown

The Stop & Shop at 416 East Main Street will be hosting a vaccine clinic for children ages 5 to 11 on Tuesday, Nov. 23, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Parents can schedule their child's appointment at www.stopandshop.com/covid-vaccine.

New Britain

On Saturday, Nov. 13, from noon to 4 p.m., Connecticut Children's and Hartford HealthCare are hosting a public vaccine clinic for children ages 5 to 11 at The Hospital of Central Connecticut, Lecture Room #2, located at 100 Grand St. Appointments are strongly encouraged and can be scheduled at <https://bit.ly/2YCD6ai>. Kids who get their first shot Saturday will be scheduled for their second dose Dec. 4.

The Stop & Shop at 1309 Corbin Avenue will be hosting a vaccine clinic for children ages 5 to 11 on Tuesday, Dec. 7, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Parents can schedule their child's appointment at www.stopandshop.com/covid-vaccine.

New Haven

Children ages 5 to 11 can get vaccinated at the New Haven Health Department, 54 Meadow Street, on Tuesday, Nov. 16 and Thursday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and on Friday, Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Proof of insurance is requested but not required.

Portland

A free vaccination clinic, run

by the state Department of Public Health, will be held on Friday, Nov. 12 at Portland Secondary School, 93 High Street, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. No appointment, insurance or identification is required.

Stafford

A free vaccination clinic, run by the state Department of Public Health, will be held on Friday, Nov. 12 at Stafford High School, 145 Orcuttville Road, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. No appointment, insurance or identification is required.

Wethersfield

On Saturday, Nov. 13, from noon to 4 p.m., Connecticut Children's and Hartford HealthCare are hosting a public vaccine clinic for children ages 5 to 11 at Hartford HealthCare Medical Group Office, located at 1290 Silas Deane Highway. Appointments are strongly encouraged and can be scheduled at <https://bit.ly/2YCD6ai>. Kids who get their first shot Saturday will be scheduled for their second dose Dec. 4.

Eliza Fawcett can be reached at elfawcett@courant.com. Courant staff writer Alex Putterman contributed to this report.



At a Veterans Day ceremony in Middletown on Thursday, the withdrawal from Afghanistan was a common theme. Below, veterans salute a wreath during the ceremony. **SEAMUS MCAVOY PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT**

Veterans

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Middletown Mayor Ben Florsheim, Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz, Gov. Ned Lamont and state Veterans Affairs Commissioner Thomas J. Saadi joined Blumenthal in speaking at Thursday's ceremony.

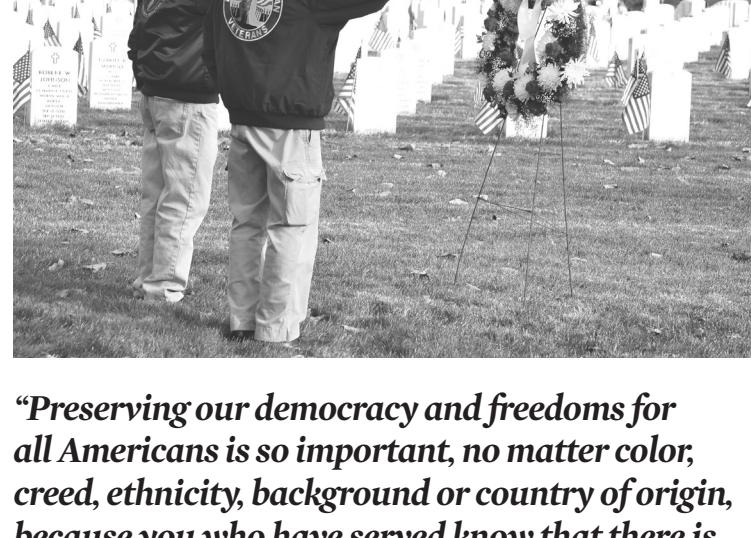
Out of their collective remarks emerged themes of unity and patriotism, regardless of political affiliation, and the pressing need to continue supporting veterans with deeds, not just words.

"Preserving our democracy and freedoms for all Americans is so important, no matter color, creed, ethnicity, background or country of origin, because you who have served know that there is only one color that matters: red," said Saadi, a first-generation Lebanese American.

"Red, white and blue?" someone from the crowd offered.

"I say red first," Saadi said. "Because it's the color of the blood that flows through your veins, that your brothers and sisters have shed on the fields of battle," he continued, raising his voice to overcome the applause, "and is embedded in the stars and stripes of our flag."

Public officials touted the state's veteran care structure and its response during the pandemic. For example, there hasn't been a single case of COVID-19 contracted at the Connecticut Veterans Home



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— State Veterans Affairs Commissioner Thomas J. Saadi

in Rocky Hill, Blumenthal said.

Blumenthal also expressed his support for the COST of War Act, a bipartisan bill introduced to Congress this year that would expand health benefits for veterans who were exposed to toxic substances like nerve gas or radiation during their service.

The bill would also include

streamlined benefits for veterans who have suffered from Agent Orange exposure. Blumenthal said Vietnam veterans had to wait "far too long" to receive recognition for the myriad health problems caused by the toxic chemical.

"It is a stain on the honor of the United States that we forced them to wait that long," the senator said.

a stricter mandate for them helps ensure patient and workplace safety, said Ted Doolittle, the state's health care advocate.

Though non-health care workers in state agencies can choose to test in lieu of vaccination and health care workers within those same agencies have to be approved to do so, both groups were testing weekly at similar rates, as per data released last month. In other words: Health care workers have to navigate more obstacles to test weekly, but they were only slightly less likely than their counterparts within the same state agency to be doing so.

The religious exemption application form asks for a personal statement and a self-reported immunization history. Applicants are encouraged to provide documentation of their beliefs and are required to explain why they have received vaccinations in the past if that is the case. Agencies may then

Budget

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did bolster municipal aid significantly for most communities.

Lamont's budget director, Office of Policy and Management Secretary Melissa McCaw, said growing sales tax collections "demonstrates our efforts to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus through effective protocols, giving consumers confidence they can shop safely in an open economy. In addition, our state has experienced nine consecutive months of job growth and we continue to benefit from strong investment performance."

Still, Connecticut hasn't recovered roughly 30% of the 292,000 jobs it lost during the worst of the pandemic. And even before COVID-19 struck the state in March 2020, Connecticut had regained only about 80% of the 120,000 jobs it had lost during the previous recession of 2007-09.

Despite those economic struggles, state government's coffers have grown rapidly since 2018, due partly to a robust stock market and Connecticut's long-standing reliance on state income tax receipts tied to capital gains and other investment earnings.

That has helped the state amass a \$3.1 billion rainy day fund — which currently equals 15% of annual operating costs, the maximum allowed by state law. It also helped Lamont and lawmakers make a supplemental, \$1.6 billion payment this fall into the state's cash-starved pension system, which still has tens of billions of dollars in unfunded liabilities.

In addition, analysts had been projecting more black ink for the current, biennial budget cycle, expecting \$1.24 billion to be left over when the current fiscal year ends next June 30, and \$1.1 billion after the 2022-23 fiscal year.

The latest report issued

Wednesday by Lamont's budget office and the legislature's Office of Fiscal Analysis bumps this year's projected surplus to nearly \$1.8 billion, and the 2022-23 fiscal cushion beyond \$1.3 billion.

Part of that growth includes a resurgent state sales tax, with projected receipts for this fiscal year increased by \$155 million.

But more than two-thirds of the increased financial cushion in each year is tied to better-than-anticipated funding from Washington, and that's not always good news.

It was unclear late Wednesday how much of that additional federal aid is tied to coronavirus relief efforts — which likely will expire in another year or two — and how much of it is the federal share of rising Medicaid expenses.

Additional federal aid in the latter area is likely to continue as long as the demand for public assistance by Connecticut's poor to meet health care costs is on the rise.

But the top Republicans on the finance committee said Connecticut has to be careful with whatever tax changes it makes next spring because many households and businesses continue to struggle.

Rep. Holly Cheeseman, of East Lyme, called it "a worrying sign" that other tax receipts on the rise, such as those from Connecticut's wholesale tax on gasoline, are tied to rising inflation.

Sen. Henri Martin of Bristol said his litmus test for weighing any tax change will be whether it helps to create jobs and stimulate the economy.

"I'm always open for a discussion" on cutting taxes, he added.

But "that rate of return needs to be shown."

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Fire

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would they talk about a possible connection with the dog attack. On Thursday, New London Capt. Matthew Galante said, "I do know there's some type of nexus between the family and the [New London] house." But he could not elaborate on it because he didn't have the arrest warrant affidavit,

he said.

As for the pit bull, "the dog was eventually put down by the family through us," said Norwich Lt. Anthony Gomes.

The mauling will not lead to criminal charges, he said.

"This was simply a tragic incident and there were no crimes committed," Gomes said.

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In a written response, Lora Rae Anderson, a spokesperson for Gov. Ned Lamont, said that they "do not want to speculate about our employee's personal reasons for filing exemptions."

Anderson would not comment on whether the data indicated cause for concern regarding the state's exemption approval process. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Department of Children and Families referred questions about exemptions to her.

"Exemptions are reviewed by human resources and the office of labor relations, and outreach to agencies and individuals will be conducted if necessary," Anderson wrote.

The most recent health care

worker vaccination rates by state agency are from last month. The Lamont administration plans to share state worker vaccination numbers monthly, and the next data release is expected before Thanksgiving.

Most state employees have to get vaccinated or agree to weekly testing to stay compliant with Gov. Lamont's COVID vaccine mandate, which went into effect Sept. 27. But health care workers employed in state agencies — including the Albert J. Solnit Children's Center, Connecticut Valley Hospital and Whiting Forensic — are subject to a more restrictive mandate that does not allow them to choose weekly COVID tests instead of being vaccinated. Instead, health care workers must claim religious or medical exemptions to the vaccine mandate in order to go the testing route.

Health care workers typically cannot do their jobs remotely, and

a stricter mandate for them helps ensure patient and workplace safety, said Ted Doolittle, the state's health care advocate.

Though non-health care workers in state agencies can choose to test in lieu of vaccination and health care workers within those same agencies have to be approved to do so, both groups were testing weekly at similar rates, as per data released last month. In other words: Health care workers have to navigate more obstacles to test weekly, but they were only slightly less likely than their counterparts within the same state agency to be doing so.

The religious exemption application form asks for a personal statement and a self-reported immunization history. Applicants are encouraged to provide documentation of their beliefs and are required to explain why they have received vaccinations in the past if that is the case. Agencies may then

follow up to discuss the request and ask for "additional supporting documentation," the form states.

The medical exemption has more stringent requirements — it requires a medical provider to verify that an applicant's health issues would count as contraindications for the COVID-19 vaccine. Doctors, physician assistants and advance practice registered nurses are authorized to fill out the form.

The state plans to include aggregate exemption numbers as part of its data release later this month. It will not be breaking out the numbers by facility.

Unlike the state's acute care hospitals, state facilities like Solnit, Connecticut Valley Hospital and Whiting Forensic are not subject to federal measures that would require care providers to disclose vaccination rates on the facility level, according to Connecticut Hospital Association spokesman

Jill McDonald Halsey. UConn's John Dempsey Hospital is an acute care hospital and therefore would be covered by those requirements, she added.

In advocating for the rule, policymakers argued that patients had a right to know vaccination rates to empower them to make informed choices about their medical care and level of risk. Generally speaking, the Connecticut Department of Public Health expects hospital vaccination data to eventually be made public by the federal government, wrote Chris Boyle, agency spokesperson, though DPH could not comment on whether state health care facilities would be covered.

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CONNECTICUT

POLICE BRIEFS

BERLIN

Woman dead, 2 kids injured in crash

A Middletown woman was killed and two young children were hospitalized in a car crash Wednesday on Route 9 in Berlin, police said.

The driver, identified by police as Jamie Schreier, 44, lost control of the Chrysler minivan while traveling southbound just south of Exit 23. Schreier veered to the left and struck the metal guide rail before hitting a concrete bridge support.

Schreier was killed in the collision, police said. The two boys, 3 and 2, who live in New Britain, were taken to the hospital for evaluation.

According to the accident information summary, the driver's seat airbag was not deployed.

The incident is under investigation. Police ask witnesses to contact Troop H at 860-534-1098.

— Seamus McAvoy

WATERBURY

Drug trafficking group 'dismantled'

A Waterbury drug trafficking organization has been "dismantled" after the arrest of a Wolcott man wanted on cocaine trafficking charges, state police said Wednesday. Ralph Kendrick, 55, turned himself in to Troop A barracks Monday after learning there was a warrant out for his arrest, police said. Kendrick is charged with possession with intent to sell more than a half-ounce of cocaine, possession with intent to sell more than a half-ounce of crack cocaine and with operating a drug factory.

Kendrick and his brother, Darryl Brown, 61, of Waterbury, had been under investigation for months by a multiagency group made up of the Statewide Narcotics Task Force, Waterbury Police Department Gangs Task Force and members of the Wolcott Police Department, among others, police said.

According to court documents, Brown and Kendrick were investigated between January and July of 2021 for trafficking crack cocaine near Waterbury.

Brown was initially arrested in July and charged with possession with intent to sell cocaine, criminal possession of a firearm, and operation of a drug factory, police said.

According to police, a subsequent court-authorized search of "several residences" in Waterbury and Wolcott resulted in police seizing 1.9 pounds of cocaine, 115 grams of crack cocaine, a 9mm pistol, about \$290,000 and drug packaging materials, which were hidden within the residences. Brown was released on a \$400,000 surety bond, and Kendrick was released on a \$500,000 surety bond.

Kendrick is scheduled to appear in court in Waterbury on Nov. 23.

— Seamus McAvoy

NEWINGTON

7-Eleven held up at gunpoint

Police say they are looking for a man and his getaway car after a gunpoint holdup at a 7-Eleven in Newington Thursday. No one was injured in the robbery, which happened about 1:45 a.m. at the store at 337 Willard Ave., police say.

The suspect was wearing a face mask. He got into a white 2019 Nissan Sentra with Connecticut plates: BE70139. Anyone who saw the car or has other information about the robbery can call Detective Paul Camara at 860-594-6226.

— Christine Dempsey

WEST HARTFORD

Suspect charged in shooting

A convicted felon on probation for weapons violations has been charged in a Wednesday night shooting in West Hartford.

West Hartford police responded to a 911 call at a home on Maplewood Avenue and found a man had been shot in the face. The victim was rushed to the hospital for what police said appeared to be serious injuries. Several children were at the house, police said.

Witnesses at the home identified the shooter as Christon Mitchell, 32, of Mansfield. When police later found Mitchell, he tried to flee, eventually driving past the Farmington Police Department, police said. Farmington officers used tire deflation devices to stop Mitchell's vehicle and West Hartford police took him into custody.

Mitchell was charged with criminal attempt at murder, first-degree assault with a firearm, home invasion, two counts of risk of injury to a child, criminal possession of a pistol or revolver and first-degree threatening.

He is being held on \$2 million bond and scheduled to be arraigned Friday.

— Christine Dempsey

Suspect charged in triple shooting

One dead, another paralyzed after they allegedly told East Hartford man to stop beating a woman

By Zach Murdock

Hartford Courant

An East Hartford man has been charged with accessory to commit murder six months after three Hartford friends were shot after they told him to stop beating a woman on the sidewalk in Hartford, new court records reveal.

Chaquan Jones, 33, was killed and two other men were seriously injured, one of whom is now paralyzed, in the confrontation the evening of May 4 outside a Dutch Point apartment near Colt Park.

This week Hartford police charged Joshua Rodriguez, 20, with accessory to commit murder, conspiracy to commit murder and two counts of first-degree assault. He already was in custody following an unrelated July arrest on separate weapons charges, and he was arraigned on the new charges Tuesday, now held on a total \$2.85 million bond.

A second suspect connected to the shooting, 23-year-old Lamont Fields, is in federal custody after he was arrested carrying an illegal "ghost gun" this summer, which federal prosecutors have said matched the ballistics of the weapon used to kill Jones and injure his friends on May 4.

Fields has not been charged by Hartford police in connection with the Jones shooting, and police did not release further details about the investigation Thursday.

The deadly confrontation began

just after 6 p.m. May 4 outside the apartment building at 19 Norwich Street, where Jones and several friends were hanging out and drinking alcohol, according to an arrest warrant affidavit detailing the investigation released this week.

A man, later identified as Rodriguez, was arguing with a woman near a pair of cars parked in front of the building and began punching and choking her.

One of the men in Jones' group urged Rodriguez to stop hitting her, saying something to the effect of "chill out," and Rodriguez responded to the man to "stop looking over here or you're all going to have a problem," witnesses recounted to detectives.

Rodriguez then called another man, referred to only as "Suspect 2" in the court records released this week, who emerged from inside the building and brandished a handgun, court records show.

"Give me that [expletive], I'm gonna take care of them," Rodriguez said to the second man, who did not hand over the gun and instead opened fire on Jones' group himself, witnesses told police.

Everyone ran from the scene but Jones, who was struck in the chest, and the two other victims, who were shot in the leg and in the back, records show. Jones was transported to Hartford Hospital, where he was pronounced dead later that night.

The other two victims were

found by police inside the apartment building and rushed into surgery, where one needed a metal rod inserted to heal his shattered lower left leg and the other was paralyzed, now confined to a wheelchair, records show.

Officers found a dozen shell casings at the scene and spoke with both surviving victims after their surgeries, records show. An image from a nearby security camera of the first suspect was distributed throughout the department and officers recognized him as Rodriguez, whose grandmother lived in the apartment building where the shooting occurred, investigators later learned.

The two surviving victims also identified Rodriguez as the man who had fought with the woman before the shooting in a photo lineup.

Both Fields and Rodriguez were arrested together on July 22 — Fields charged with interfering with police and Rodriguez charged with interfering with police and four felony weapons offenses, including stealing a firearm, after he tried to run from police but was caught, court records show.

Investigators interviewed Rodriguez about the May 4 shooting. He denied ever being at the Norwich Street address but identified himself in the same security camera still image that the victims and officers had used to identify him, records show. He has remained in custody ever since.

Fields, already a convicted felon prohibited from carrying a firearm, was presented in federal court the next day for illegal possession of a

weapon and was denied bail after prosecutors argued he was a "serial gun possessor" with a series of weapons convictions and arrests over the past four years. Fields pleaded not guilty to the federal charge.

During that hearing, prosecutors revealed Fields to be the prime suspect in the Jones shooting because ballistics tests had revealed the illegal "ghost gun" Fields was arrested with a week after the shooting likely was the same used to shoot Jones and his two friends.

"Every time (Fields) has encountered law enforcement in the last six months he has had a gun or been near one," federal prosecutor Robert S. Ruff said during the hearing. "He is essentially a serial possessor of firearms, and I think it is fair to say a likely shooter of those firearms."

Fields has not been charged by Hartford police in connection with the Jones shooting but has two other pending state cases involving firearms offenses, in addition to the interfering with police case stemming from his July arrest, court records show. He remains in federal custody.

Jones' death was the 11th of the 31 homicides recorded so far this year in Hartford, putting the city on track to record one of its deadliest years in decades. The total already is approaching the recent highs of 32 murders in all of 2015 and 33 murders in all of 2009 with almost two months still left on the 2021 calendar.

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Ethan Foxman and his wife, Ellen, lead the ribbon-cutting of the student veterans center OASIS. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, left, and Rep. John Larson, right, also attended. SEAMUS MCALVY PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT

Goodwin University opens OASIS for student veterans

Center aims to provide space to study, relax, build community

By Seamus McAvoy

Hartford Courant

Goodwin University, the unique and fast-growing East Hartford school known for its innovative approach and non-traditional student body, has opened a new on-campus resource center dedicated to serving student military veterans.

The Veterans OASIS, short for Operation Academic Support for Incoming Service, is modeled after a resource center concept first conceived by women's groups that have become a mainstay at colleges and universities across the country.

University officials, and former student veterans, said the center would empower former and active military personnel to study, relax and build community while accessing the necessary resources needed for academic success.

"It is thrilling for us at the university to, in some small way, give some recognition to those among us who allow us to do what we do every day," Mark Scheinberg, the university's president, said at Wednesday's ribbon-cutting ceremony. U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal and Congressman John Larson also attended the opening.

Inside the intimate space, which is a former classroom, desks with computers are set up for students to study or complete classwork.

Along one wall is a large American flag, encased in glass. Elsewhere, several military honors and other items populate shelves and wall space.

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"The support systems that we have here are tremendous, and it goes hand-in-hand with our daily operations," said Craig Jordan, the university's veterans coordinator. "This is going to be a godsend."

University officials said the inauguration of the Veterans OASIS is thanks in large part to a philanthropic gift by Ellen and Ethan Foxman, two community members, that enabled the university to fund the center's programming and staffing.

The center is open 25 hours per week and can be accessed during off hours as needed.

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Police probing shoplifting in Oxford

Incident at Market 32 captured in Facebook video that went viral

By Seamus McAvoy

Hartford Courant

Police are investigating a bizarre incident of alleged shoplifting that occurred at a Market 32 grocery store in Oxford early Tuesday morning.

According to police, Market 32 personnel first noticed a group of several people loading shopping carts with store goods at about 6:40 a.m. on Tuesday morning.

They then left the store, located in the Quarry Walk Plaza, without paying for the items, quickly loaded them into a pair of vehicles parked outside the store in the fire lane and fled the scene, police said.

A video capturing the incident was posted publicly to Facebook at about 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, and has since gone viral.

The video opens on a person loading several large containers of laundry detergent into the trunk of a brown car. The camera then pans to the left to show two people, wearing masks, loading detergent and toiletries into a brown minivan.

Despite the person recording the video and several other shoppers shown witnessing the incident, nobody placed a 911 call, according to Oxford Resident Sgt. John Acampora.

The Oxford Resident Trooper's office wasn't made aware of the incident until 10 minutes later, well after the involved persons had fled, when it received a call through its routine phone line.

"Had 911 been contacted in a timely manner, police personnel would have been able to attempt to intercept those involved," Acampora said.

George R. Temple, Oxford's first selectman, wrote in a Facebook post that he was "disgusted with the video posted showing a brazen robbery" at the store.

Temple went on to urge that people use the ubiquity of smartphones to call 911 when they witness criminal activity, suggesting that the incident could have been averted "with a little quick thinking or for that matter any thinking."

"I note that in the video some people were just standing around watching," Temple wrote. "No body was interested in at least warning the employees so they could take the logical step of alerting the police."

Acampora added in his statement: "We would like to remind everyone to stay vigilant and not to engage with people like this when a crime is occurring."

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Architectural/Engineering Services
Roof Replacement
at Edgewood School

In accordance with the requirements set forth in C.G.S. 10-287, the City of Bristol is seeking submissions of qualifications for complete architectural and engineering services for the replacement of a roof at Edgewood School located 345 Mix Street.

Qualification submission documents are available via download from the website listed below:
<https://www.bristolct.gov/Bids.aspx?BIDID=1079>

Qualifications will be accepted by the Purchasing Department until December 2, 2021 at 1:00 pm; submissions received after this date and time will not be considered. The City reserves the right to waive any informalities in any submission, to reject any and/or all submissions, and to accept the proposal(s) that in its judgment is in its best interest. Interested firms are required to submit one original copy via digital media of the proposal to Roger Rousseau, Purchasing Agent, no later than the date and time noted above. Submissions may be made via email, shared file service, or USB drive delivered to the address noted below; the City does not assume responsibility for failure of submissions to be received by the City by the date and time noted above. Any proposal received after said date and time, whether hand-delivered, submitted via United States Postal Service, or submitted via any other delivery service, shall be declared invalid. Faxes of proposals will not be accepted.

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NOTICE OF DECISIONS
MIDDLETON INLAND WETLANDS &
WATERCOURSES AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 2021

Approved the repair culvert and roadway due to storm damage and install 20 ft of new pipe with flared end with fill above located on George Street +/- 450 ft north of Middlefield Street. Applicant/agent City of Middletown Public Works Department W2021-11

Joseph Carta, Chairman
Inland Wetlands and
Watercourses Agency

11/12/2021 7082298

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: **578 Federal Road, Brookfield, CT 06804, November 19, 2021 at 10:00 AM.** Craig Vandenburgue INC unit 2055, furniture, Daniel Griffin unit 2543, business inventory, Craig Vandenburgue unit 2427, furniture, Craig Vandenburgue unit 2068, Furniture, Business Supplies, Elonda Green unit 2247, table, bags, headboard and footboard. The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storagetreasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Rinehart R. Pomerance

11/07/2021

The Hon. Robert A. Randich, Acting Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Berlin Probate Court, by decree dated November 9, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Mark R. Lang, 145 Stocking Brook Road, Kensington, CT 06037
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
ESSEX ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Essex Zoning Board of Appeals will hold the following public hearing on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, by in person meeting (see agenda on Town's website www.essexct.gov for further details), at 7:00 p.m. to hear the following applications:

Application No. 21-43 on behalf of Jonathan and Michele Carlisle, 39A River Road, Essex, CT, Assessor's Map 10 Lot 19, RU District, requesting variances to sections 40D, 40E, and 40N, of the zoning regulations to construct a patio to be located to the property line and retaining wall where 10 feet is required.

Application No. 21-44 on behalf of Gerald Alessandrini, 26 Falls Road, Ivoryton, CT, Assessor's Map 36 Lot 13, RUM District, requesting variances to sections 40C, 40D, 40E, 40 I.1, 62B, and 50D, of the zoning regulations to construct a detached 12' X 20' garage to be located 20 feet from the property line where 40 feet is required.

Copies of the application are on file in the Town Clerk's Office and Land Use Department at Essex Town Hall and can be viewed on the Town's webpage.

Essex Planning and Zoning Commission
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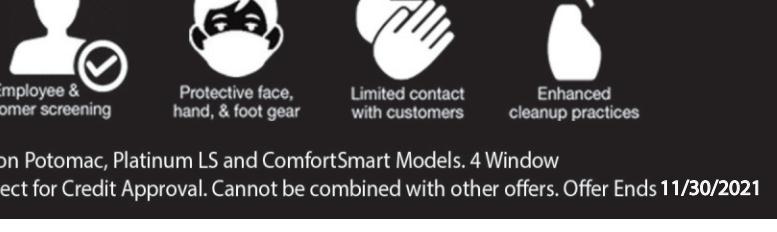


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'PASSING' ★★★★

Excellent story tells of racial identity in 1920s New York

By Michael Phillips
Chicago Tribune

From the hushed *misterioso* quality of its opening sequence to the nervous ambiguity of its coda, writer-director Rebecca Hall's "Passing" floats like a mirage of the past — late 1920s New York City, mostly in Harlem.

Yet nothing in it feels all that distant. We aren't sitting back at a remove with this film, even if much of its emotional texture simmers rather than boils. "Passing" pays close attention to everything its excellent main actors do in between the lines delineating a dangerous friendship. We first meet Irene

(Tessa Thompson), a light-skinned Black woman of some means, married to a quiet, sardonic Black doctor (André Holland). They have two children and a comfortable life, though Irene seems to be tipping around the edges of it.

Hall's adaptation of the remarkable 1929 Nella Larsen novel begins with a rare, possibly unique act of "passing" for Irene. Head lowered, hat shielding most of her face, Irene silently convinces a whites-only hotel tea room that she's indeed one of them. Once inside, she spies an old college friend, Clare (Ruth Negga), lighter-skinned

and now passing as white, in a marriage to a blustery, back-slapping white racist (Alexander Skarsgård). He does not know his wife's secret.

"Passing" unfolds as a story of many secrets, both external (when will Clare's deception crumble?) and, regarding Irene, internal (is she remotely fulfilled? Is she attracted to Clare's life? To Clare?) Hall's a tremendous actor, working here behind the camera, and what Thompson and Negga accomplish on screen in this extraordinarily detailed portrait becomes a master class in incremental revelations — the hallmark of the director's own best performances.

As Clare insinuates herself into Irene's life, and home, the cross-currents deepen. Irene volunteers for what her husband cynically describes as "your precious Negro League." A famous white writer (Bill Camp) also works for the social welfare organization, and while most of the story remains tightly focused on the women, the world these women navigate, or can't, emerges in tantalizing fragments. Hall recently told the Chicago Tribune the central, rekindled but hazardous friendship of Irene and Clare is built upon the idea of "two female characters, two sides of a coin, built for each other's destruction."

This is not melodrama, however. It's subtler.

The result, as Hall said, is "more emotionally evocative than it is necessarily historically accurate." Whether for reasons relating to a tight budget or poetic allusion, the streets of this 1929 Harlem feel not quite natural, or full. It's a reflection, I think, of how Irene's carefully prescribed life feels before Clare shimmers into view, a mirage within a mirage.

After a brief theatrical run, "Passing" parks itself on Netflix this week. The film's rhythm is careful, methodical. Here and there, Hall lets that rhythm slacken and with Thompson's Irene.

On the other hand: A lesser director, working in a clunky-realism vein with less skilled designers and especially performers, might have turned "Passing" into a conventional something or other. In novel form, and in Hall's beautiful adaptation, it is anything but conventional.

Michael Phillips is a Tribune critic. mjphillips@chicagotribune.com Twitter @phillipstribune

MPAA rating: PG-13 (for thematic material, some racial slurs and smoking)

Running time: 1:38
How to watch: Streaming on Netflix.



"Passing" stars Ruth Negga and Tessa Thompson. NETFLIX

CELEBRITIES

Stapleton the big winner at CMAs

From news services

Chris Stapleton was the big winner with six trophies including song and album of the year and Luke Combs claimed the biggest prize with entertainer of the year at the Country Music Association Awards on Wednesday night.

Stapleton won song and single of the year for "Starting Over" and album of the year for his record of the same name. He walked away with two more trophies as a producer on the single and album.

He then won male vocalist of the year for the fifth time, and it appeared he would sweep the night before Combs swooped in and kept it from becoming a coronation.

He came into the night the top nominee along with Eric Church, who was shut out.

Crystal returning to Broadway: Billy Crystal is planning to bring "Mr. Saturday Night" to Broadway.

The comedic icon will star in a theatrical musical based on his 1992 film about the rise and fall of a borscht-belt comedian Buddy Young Jr.

Set to start performances at New York City's Nederlander Theatre on March 1, the 73-year-old Hollywood veteran wrote the stage adaptation with his film's co-writers, Lowell Ganz and Marc "Babalu" Mandel.

He will star opposite Tony Award-winner Randy Graff, Chasten Harmon and David Paymer.

The "Soap" alum made his Broadway debut in 2004 with the box office smash "700 Sundays."

Markle apologizes for misleading court on book: The Duchess of Sussex has apologized for misleading a British court about the extent of her cooper-



Chris Stapleton poses Wednesday with the awards he won at the 55th annual CMA Awards in Nashville, Tenn. ED RODE/AP

ation with the authors of a sympathetic book about her and Prince Harry.

The former Meghan Markle, 40, is embroiled in a court battle in London over a British newspaper's publication of portions of a letter she wrote to her estranged father after her 2018 marriage to Harry.

She sued the publisher of the Mail on Sunday and the MailOnline website for breach of privacy and copyright. Publisher Associated Newspapers is trying to overturn that decision at the Court of Appeal. The publisher argues that Meghan wrote the letter knowing it might be published, and made private information public by cooperating with Omid Scobie and Carolyn Durand, authors of "Finding Freedom."

Stiller, Blanchett teaming up: Ben Stiller and Cate Blanchett are teaming up to turn the 1960s espionage television series "The Champions" into a movie.

Stiller is acting and directing the upcoming film adaptation. Blanchett and Stiller will both be producing as well.

"The Champions" movie, paying homage to the TV show, follows three United Nations agents whose plane crashes into the Himalayas. Upon being rescued by an advanced civilization, they are granted enhanced intellectual and physical abilities. When the agents return to the outside world, they use their new superhuman abilities to become champions of law, order and justice.

Nov. 12 birthdays: Actor Wallace Shawn is 78. Keyboardist Booker T. Jones is 77. Singer Neil Young is 76. Actor Megan Mullally is 63. Actor Tamala Jones is 47. Singer Tevin Campbell is 45. Actor Ashley Williams is 43. Actor Cote de Pablo is 42. Actor Ryan Gosling is 41. Actor Anne Hathaway is 39. Singer Omarion is 37.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Man discovers dating is like a tennis match

Dear Amy: I'm a man in my late 50s. I'm currently dating — or trying to date.

Please explain what happened here: I met a woman on a dating app, and we had one of those perfect first dates — lots of laughs, lots of agreement, finishing each other's sentences, easily planning the next date.

At the end I kissed her, and she kissed me back.

Second date, I made dinner. We had a great time and great conversation. We had agreed beforehand that this was not an overnight. Another good date, and at the end, we kissed.

Third date was dinner and a play. At dinner, I walked around to her chair and kissed her, and she kissed me back.

But by now I was realizing that I was the only one reaching in for a kiss.

She didn't pull back or shy away, but she never initiated it. So, at the end of the date, I refrained from kissing her.

Later on, I texted her and pointed out the fact that I had deliberately not kissed her, and she responded, "I know, and that made me want to kiss you!" What the heck does that even mean?

Not long after that she showed her character by ghosting me, so I'm comforted by the fact that I didn't lose much.

— Confused by Women

Dear Confused: You seem to excel at the mechanics and dynamic of wooing: (Third-date dinner and a play? Well done!)

I can't speak for all women (or even some women), and yet — the dynamic you describe as baffling seems — to me —

to be simple human nature. When you retreat a bit, creating space, another person will instinctively move forward.

All the same, developing a sexual/romantic relationship can seem like participating in a tennis match choreographed by Twyla Tharp. You volley, she returns. You advance, she meets you at the net. You step back, she does a grand jete.

You have done nothing wrong. You noticed a pattern and communicated about it. She then told you exactly what you needed to know: When you held back, it created a desire in her.

Her return text might have brought on a round of fun flirtation. Instead, you seem flummoxed.

For all of those other times, I suggest that you initiate less kissing and instead do more ... leaning. Physical closeness, eye contact, a touch on the arm will telegraph your interest. If she's into you, she'll show it. You should let her.

Dear Amy: I have been divorced from the father of my two children for over 20 years. Our children are adults now but were quite young at the time of our divorce. My ex-husband was physically and verbally abusive.

My older sister has been friends on Facebook with him for years. I know this because my ex-husband mentioned it and joked about her extreme political posts.

I asked her about it several years ago, and she said she was Facebook friends with him because she wanted to see his photos of my children.

I did not like her answer but did not press the issue. I feel betrayed by her.

Yesterday, I asked her again about it, and she defended it again with the same answer but said she would remove him as a friend from Facebook (for me).

How do I get over this feeling of betrayal?

— Loyal Sibling

Dear Loyal: The way for you to recover from this persistent feeling would be for you to reframe your sister's choice as a blunder or a mistake. The word "betrayal" is loaded, and while this word may accurately describe the way you feel, detaching from the word will help you to detach from the feeling.

Understand that your sister has the right to connect with anyone on Facebook.

If this hurts your feelings, you should tell her so.

Dear Amy: I am glad you explained credit card "churning" to your readers. My brother got into this, big time, goaded along by message boards on the internet.

Unfortunately, in trying to game the system, the system ended up gaming him. He landed even more in debt, and now his credit is ruined.

— Concerned

Dear Concerned: While this practice isn't illegal, people who try it need to be organized — and pay their bills on time!

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'BELFAST' ★★½

Emotion, nostalgia compete on Branagh's memory lane

By Michael Phillips
Chicago Tribune

Everything that works in "Belfast" keeps the movie's superficialities and lower-grade sentiment at bay — if not every step of the way, then at least every other step. I'd happily see writer-director Kenneth Branagh's semi-autobiographical film again just for Ciaran Hinds, the Platonic ideal of a dream Irish grandpa. His scenes as Pop, shared with Judi Dench, as Granny, lift a genial crowd-pleaser to another, truer level.

This is Branagh's "Amarcord," or "Roma," with blander food. "Belfast" finds the filmmaker revisiting a crucial juncture in his Protestant family's life, when young Ken Branagh — the character played by

Jude Hill is called Buddy — was 9 years old, living a happy, tumultuous existence undergoing increasingly violent change. The years covered here, 1969 to 1970, were marked in Northern Ireland by The Troubles: Protestants vs. Catholics, unionists vs. nationalists.

Branagh stages the overture to "Belfast" in such a way — frantic, assaultive, messy — as to remind us that he has been a wildly uneven director his entire screen life. In this movie's case, the unevenness of tone and visual approach never stops. Buddy's first-hand encounter with a window-smashing Protestant mob attacking Catholic houses recalls any number of movie scenes. This is, unapologetically, a movie about a boy in love with the

movies.

The Troubles writ large in "Belfast" frame Buddy's family's troubles. "Pub man" Pa (Jamie Dornan) works in England and comes home when he can. Combustible Ma (Caitriona Balfe) doesn't like her husband's plan to relocate to Reading, England. The grandparents are just two of many, many family relations living a stone's throw from Buddy's house.

The violence at home, and direct threats (mostly invented by Branagh for the movie) to the family's safety, push things to a crisis point. Getting there is rocky in more ways than one. Some of Branagh's scenes are adorable in the worst way: the getting-to-know-you montage with Buddy and his Catholic sweetheart; the misjudged



Judi Dench, from left, Jude Hill and Ciaran Hinds co-star in "Belfast." **FOCUS FEATURES**

"High Noon" homage, arriving at a point in "Belfast" when we really don't need another film reference.

Half the time "Belfast" feels as if it's revisiting a complicated series of emotions; the other half settles for tidy, audience-conscious conflict and resolution and feel-good interludes. This is where Hinds and Dench come in handy: They're not above shamelessness, but they're complementary wizards

who know how to simply be on camera, feeling their way through a scene easily and naturally.

Branagh is a first-rate actor, though his own scenes (as older Buddy) never made the final cut here. He's a pretty good screenwriter and playwright.

Around the midpoint "Belfast" gets good. Many will adore it all the way through. Me? I hope Branagh revisits his own life again on screen, just to

see if he can come up with something as wonderful as "Belfast" fans believe "Belfast" to be.

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MPAA rating: PG-13 (for some violence and strong language)

Running time: 1:38

'CLIFFORD THE BIG RED DOG' ★★½

Like its title pooch, film a throwback with lots of heart

By Katie Walsh
Tribune News Service

Back in 1963, the character of Clifford (the big, red dog) came into the world when a children's book editor suggested cartoonist and illustrator Norman Bridwell come up with a story to go along with one of his drawings. Taking inspiration from his wife and daughter, the adventures of Clifford and his faithful companion Emily Elizabeth have endured through a long-running series of children's books and a spinoff animated PBS series, and now, the

long-gestating live-action version finally gallops into town. The result is a sweet, earnest film that doesn't traffic in snark or irony, capturing the childlike spirit that allows for the suspension of disbelief to buy into the sight of a giant crimson Labrador.

The film is directed by Walt Becker, who made his name with the Ryan Reynolds vehicle "Van Wilder" and the aging star comedies "Wild Hogs" and "Old Dogs." "Clifford" is a refreshing departure from that particular brand of smirking comedy. Written by Jay Sherick, David



Jack Whitehall in "Clifford the Big Red Dog."
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Ronn and Blaise Hemingway, "Clifford the Big Red Dog" has a decidedly innocent throwback appeal. The treacly score by journeyman composer John Debney is a constant reminder that this is a movie for kids, though it's not out of the realm of possibility that parents will find some enjoyment in this film as well.

It helps that the CGI

Clifford's scene partner, Emily Elizabeth, is played by the preternaturally precocious actor Darby Camp, best known for her role as the wise Chloe on "Big Little Lies," in which she schooled her TV mom Reese Witherspoon on the nuances of Leon Bridges tunes. Camp is able to sell her emotional connection to the enormous scarlet pup-ernel among all the

chaos.

Emily Elizabeth is the new kid at a posh New York City private school, bullied by her classmates, and desperately in need of a friend. When she and her ne'er-do-well uncle Casey (Jack Whitehall) come upon an animal rescue tent run by a magical Mr. Bridwell (John Cleese), she's immediately taken with a tiny vermillion pup. Despite Casey's protestations, the dog somehow ends up in her backpack, and when Clifford blows up to elephantine proportions, it sets off a series of wild adventures through the city. Emily and Casey try to track down Bridwell with Clifford in tow, while a scheming genetics entrepreneur (Tony Hale) takes off in hot pursuit of the colossal carmine canine and his unique DNA.

"Clifford" doesn't force too many jokes, but it has enough genuinely funny actors on board to keep

things weirdly amusing around the edges. Filling out the smaller roles with the likes of David Alan Grier, Rosie Perez, Tovah Feldshuh, Siobahn Fallon Hogan, Alex Moffat, Horatio Sanz, et al., help make this a funnier movie than expected.

The biggest laughs come from scene where Kenan Thompson, playing a bewildered veterinarian, attempts to examine the pooch.

With a surprisingly progressive message about a tight-knit community protecting one of their own against tech disruption and aggressive policing, "Clifford the Big Red Dog" also bears a sly and incisive message within this cute tale for kids.

MPAA rating: PG (for impolite humor, thematic elements and mild action)

Running time: 1:37
Where to watch: In theaters and on Paramount+

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Aries (March 21-April 19):

You may be filled with confidence today, allowing you to take risks that make others gasp with fear. Let your heart drive you onward toward a daring financial or personal goal. The universe is supporting you. The important thing is to follow your heart.

Taurus (April 20-May 20):

Collaboration could lead you to great places at the moment, as a group of fellow creatives may want you to join their ranks. Although you might be reluctant to give up your independence, you could really enjoy becoming part of this team. Work in conjunction with others.

Gemini (May 21-June 20):

The spotlight is trained firmly on you now, making this a great time to show off your exceptional talents. If you've been seeking a job, you could get called for an interview or asked for work samples. Don't obsess too much over what you should say, trust your hunches.

Cancer (June 21-July 22):

The universe is enhancing your caring instincts and encouraging you to take a friend who's having trouble under your wing. You could have great advice to help them polish their raw talent into a shining diamond. Do your best to stay by their side. Success will be more satisfying!

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Nov. 12, 1927, Josef Stalin became the undisputed ruler of the Soviet Union.

In 1936, the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge opened.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Building a solid domestic foundation is a real possibility at the moment. Putting in the down payment on a place, moving in with someone new, or rearranging your current household could help to bring more comfort to your life. Don't let fear get in the way of growth.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

A gift for putting others at ease can make you very popular today, so gathering could be a wise move. In addition to possibly making new friends, you might connect with some influential people. Don't fear change — your willingness to evolve is a sign of maturity.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

Cultivating feelings of well-being can do a lot to improve your health. This may sound simplistic, but it's worth trying. Instead of focusing on aches, weakness or exhaustion, do everything in your power to savor sensual pleasures. Slowly but surely, lost vitality may return.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

The universe is encouraging you to step out of your comfort zone and search for an exciting adventure today. You could easily attract someone to join you. Whatever journey you embark upon could bring you to an empowering realization that leads to breakthroughs in other areas.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Ambition is the name of the game today, so set your sights on your goals and get ready to move toward them. If you intend on a new endeavor becoming a steady source of income, it may take a while, but if you trust your intuition and put in the effort, you can make great strides.

In 1942, the World War II naval Battle of Guadalcanal began.

In 1969, news of the My Lai Massacre carried out by U.S. forces in South Vietnam in March 1968 was broken by investigative reporter Seymour Hersh.

In 1975, Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas retired, ending a record 36-year term.

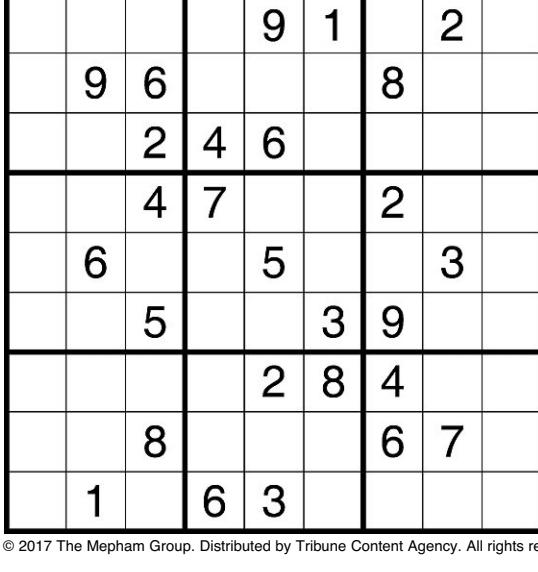
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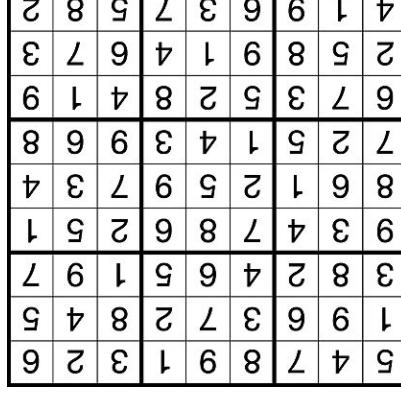
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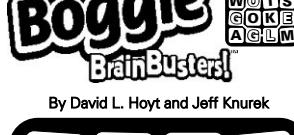
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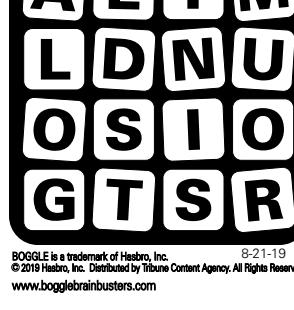
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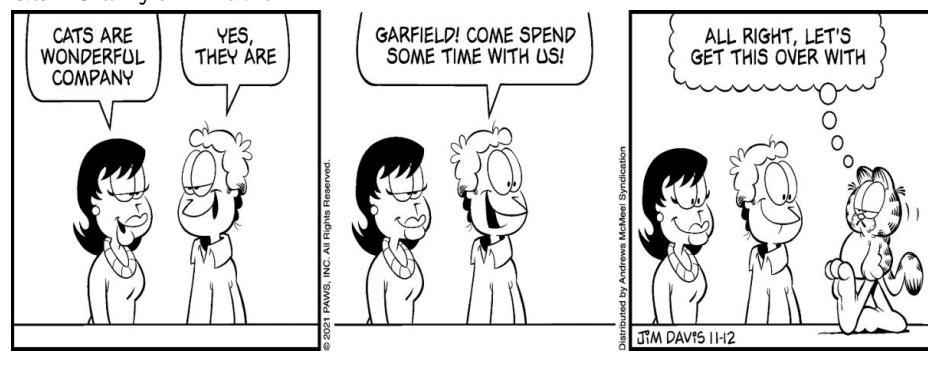
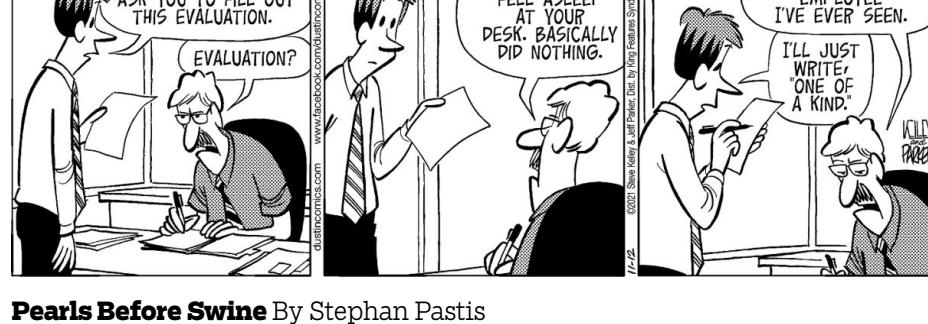
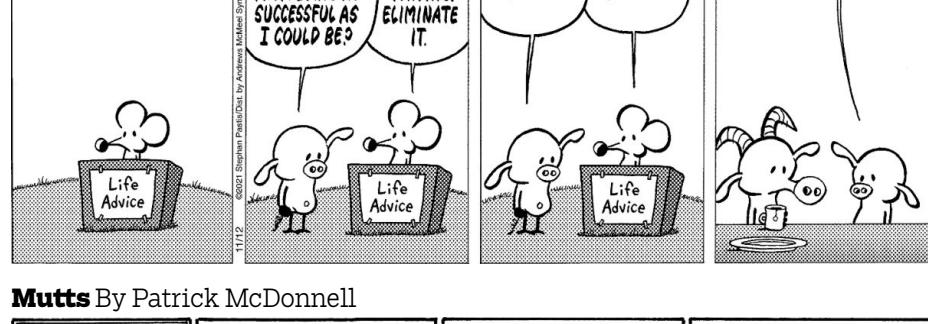
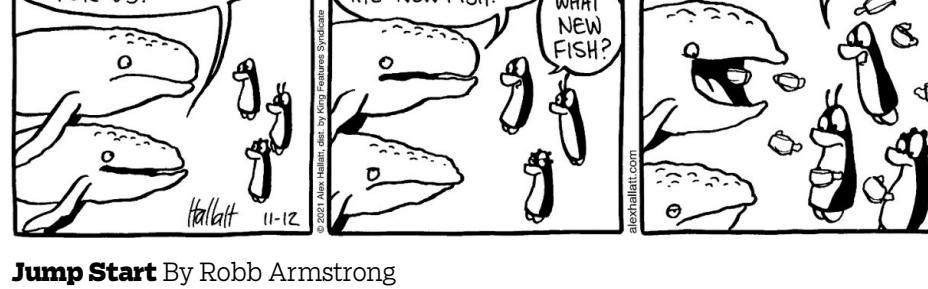
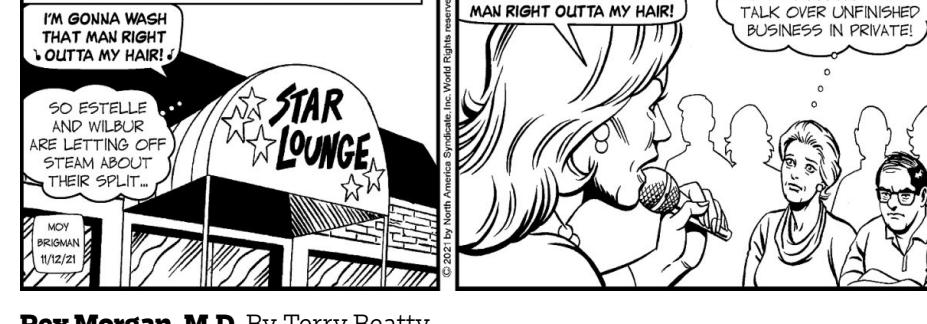
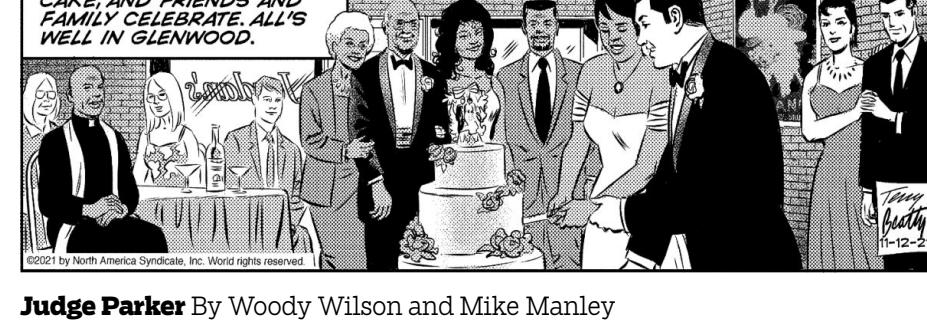
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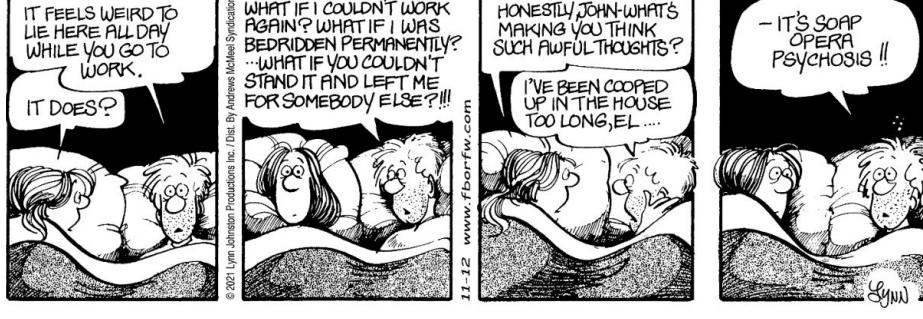
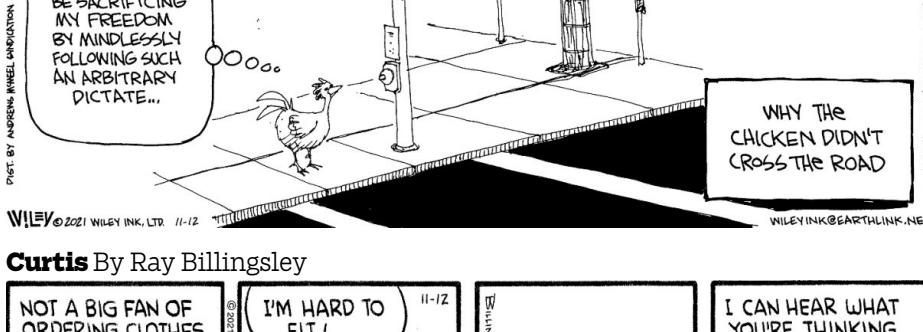
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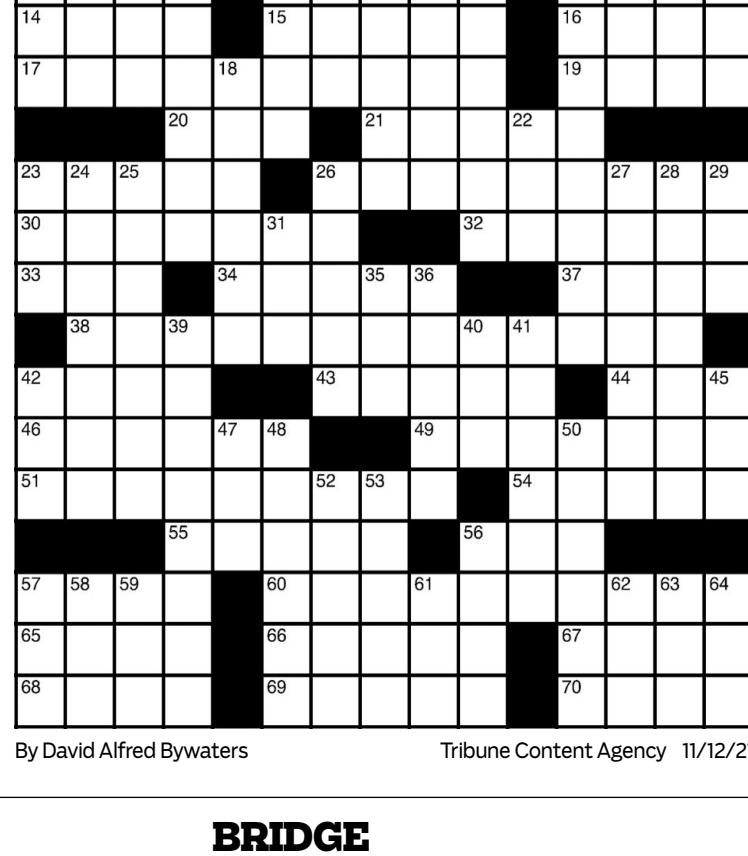
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By David Alfred Bywaters

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BRIDGE
BY STEVE BECKER**Bidding quiz**

You are South and bidding has gone:

South	West	North	East
1[C]	Pass	1[H]	Pass
1[S]	Pass	1NT	Pass

?

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

1. [S] KQ82 [H] AK [D] J3 [C] KJ976
2. [S] KQ963 [H] Q7 [D] A [C] AQ982
3. [S] AK53 [H] Q42 [D] J [C] AKJ74
4. [S] AQJ2 [H] -- [D] A954 [C] AQJ43

1. Two notrump. Partner's one-notrump rebid over one spade is ambiguous. It might range from a poor six-point hand without spade or club support to a moderate hand with as many as 10 points. By raising to two notrump, you indicate a relatively balanced hand containing about 16 to 18 high-card points, and thus invite partner to carry on to three notrump.

Two clubs over one notrump would fail to identify your 17-high card points, while a jump to three clubs would show your point count, but would misrepresent the length and strength of your club suit.

2. Three spades. With 17 high-card points and two strong five-card suits, you should express your game prospects vociferously. The jump-rebid describes your high-card strength and distribution at the same time.

By rebidding your spades, you indicate five cards in that suit. Partner can then infer that you must also have at least five clubs, since you would not have bid clubs first with less than a five-card suit.

3. Three hearts. You should press hard for game despite your three-card trump support (partner will know you have only three hearts, since you would have raised immediately with four-card support). A two-heart bid would be proper if you had a king less; as it is, though, you can show

your actual values with the three-heart bid. Partner can then carry on to game in hearts if he has five of them, or retreat to three notrump if he has only a four-card suit.

A jump to three clubs would conceal your heart support and would also fail to pinpoint your singleton diamond.

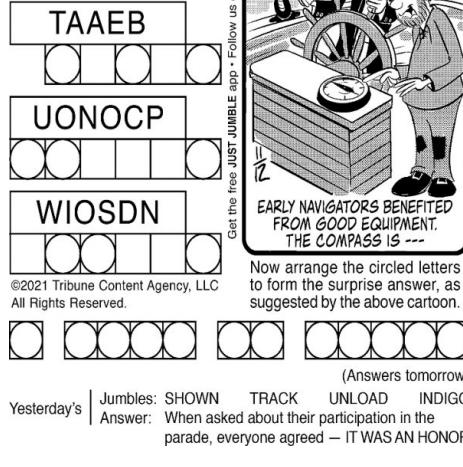
4. Two diamonds. Your diamonds are certainly not hefty, but the situation calls for identification of your distribution. Partner should now read you for 4-0-4-5 distribution and should be able to make the appropriate decision as to the best contract. You don't jump-rebid here because, after partner's one-heart response, there is a distinct possibility that no satisfactory trump fit exists, in which case there might be no game. At the same time, though, the fact that you elected to bid all three suits implies a good hand and urges partner to continue bidding.

Tomorrow: The safety factor.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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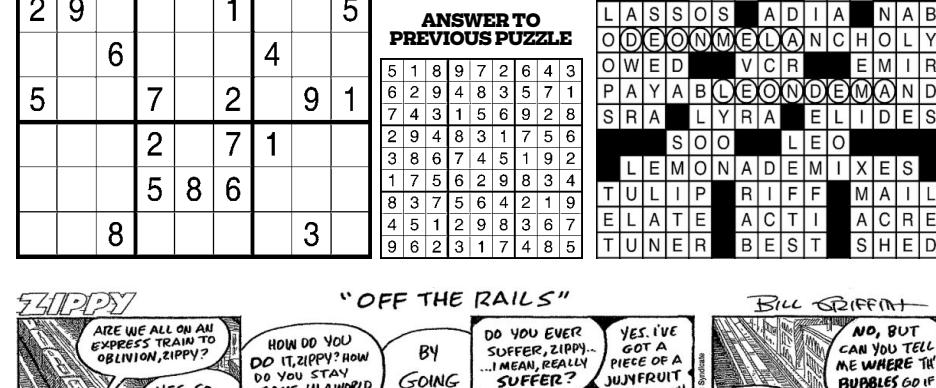
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

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Caroline Ducharme during UConn's annual First Night celebration for the men's and women's teams Oct. 15 in Storrs, Conn. JESSICA HILL/AP

UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Don't sleep on 'sneaky' Ducharme

By Alexa Philippou
Hartford Courant

Out of the UConn women's basketball team's highly touted freshman class, No. 1 overall recruit Azzi Fudd has received the bulk of the hype and understandably so.

But Fudd isn't the only first-year player poised to help this season in the Huskies' quest for a 12th national title.

Since arriving in Storrs, Caroline Ducharme, the No. 5 prospect in her

class, has been a pleasant surprise for Geno Auriemma and staff. And in Sunday's exhibition game against Fort Hays State, the 6-foot-2 guard was able to show Husky fans why Auriemma predicted she could have a "really prominent role."

After shaking off some early nerves, Ducharme eventually found a groove and came away with 10 points, all in the fourth quarter, as well as five rebounds, three assists, two blocks and two steals in just under 17 minutes. Her

ability to do a little bit of everything, and the versatility she offers in playing multiple positions, adds to the spoil of riches Auriemma has as he shapes his rotation for the 2021-22 season.

"Caroline is one of those very sneaky players," said Fudd, a long-time close friend. "You don't expect her to do all the things she does, whether it's rebounding, scoring, layups, backdoor cutting... I'm excited to keep playing together because she brings a lot to the

table. She is really versatile and can do basically everything."

Ducharme flew under the radar in high school after dealing with a torn ACL her freshman year and then a torn shoulder labrum that caused her to miss her sophomore season. At the time she committed to UConn in April 2020, she was the No. 41 overall prospect per espnW — adding fuel to the fire of her already competitive nature.

Turn to Ducharme, Page 4

COMMENTARY

Schefter can't stop acting like a moron

By Dennis Young
New York Daily News

Adam Schefter exists as a stooge for NFL power brokers. That's less of a criticism than it is a straightforward description of what it means to be ESPN's top voice of a sport.

But what we've learned in recent weeks is that Schefter is not merely a stooge, but a dangerously incompetent one.

The latest fiasco centers around a lawsuit from a woman who says Vikings running back Dalvin Cook physically abused her. Schefter, in trademark fashion, introduced the story to the world, and in the process mangled it horrifically.

"Cook is the victim of domestic abuse and extortion," Schefter tweeted Tuesday night, if that were definitively the case, before adding that, oh yeah, his agent says there's "pending litigation."

Cook is countersuing the woman, alleging she pepper sprayed and beat him, before holding him and his guests hostage at gunpoint for several hours. However, referring to "pending litigation" is beyond misleading. News was about to break — handled professionally by the Minneapolis Star-Tribune — that the woman accused Cook of beating her, and had text messages and photos to back up her claims in the lawsuit.

The complicated facts of one particular case do not exculpate Schefter's sheer inability to carry out the basic tasks of journalism expected of any junior reporter in the country, much less the most

Turn to Schefter, Page 2

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Bloomfield's 1-2 punch of Rose and Patrick driving the unbeaten Warhawks' offense

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

Ty Outlaw has had some quality running backs in his 12 years as the Bloomfield football coach. But he hasn't had two at the same time.

Bloomfield senior Dallas Rose and junior Conellius Patrick have rushed for over 2,000 yards combined and 30 touchdowns to lead the Warhawks to an 8-0 record and the No. 1 ranking in



After being out of coaching for four years, Jim Mora will return to the sidelines in 2022 as UConn's 32nd head football coach. LUIS SINCO/TNS

Who is Jim Mora?

New UConn football coach has had a colorful career

By Dom Amore | Hartford Courant

Playoffs? Are we talking about playoffs? No, the UConn football team, safe to say, is a long way from talking about the FBS playoffs, and they hired the wrong Mora for that rant. That was Jim E. Mora, former Saints and Colts coach who is 86 and retired, but for many, the first thought fans have upon hearing the Mora name are those classic press conference tirades that live forever on YouTube.

"You guys really don't know when it's good or bad," Mora once told reporters. "You really don't know. You don't know what happened. You really don't know. You think you know, but you don't ... know. And you ... never ... will."

His son, Jim L. Mora, 59, became UConn's 32nd head football coach on Thursday and, during his own NFL and major-college coaching career, hasn't made a habit of raging press conference rants though UConn, 31-87 since 2011, may prove the ultimate test of his composure. In fact, he is rather media-savvy, having worked in TV when he was between

coaching jobs. And when it comes to UConn, AD David Benedict made it a point to make certain Mora does know, really does know, what he is getting into.

Jim Mora is his father's son, though. Coaching football has been his lifelong passion, and he has had a volatile career of significant success and failure.

He began coaching with Don Coryell's Chargers in 1985, then joined his father in New Orleans in 1992 before moving on to become the 49ers' defensive coordinator in the early 2000s. He was named head coach of the Atlanta Falcons in 2004 and led

Turn to Mora, Page 4



Bloomfield High School football running backs Conellius Patrick (left) and Dallas Rose (right) have combined for almost 2,000 yards rushing for 8-0 Bloomfield. They are pictured at the high school after practice. CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

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Giants: Bye; at Buccaneers, Nov. 22, 8:15 p.m.
Jets: Bills, Sunday, 1 p.m.

UConn MBB: Coppin State (XL Center), Saturday, noon; LIU (Gampel), Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Binghamton (XL Center), Nov. 20, noon

UConn WBB: Arkansas (XL Center), Sunday, 1 p.m.; vs. Minnesota (Battle 4 Atlantis, Bahamas), Nov. 20, noon; vs. TBA (Battle 4 Atlantis, Bahamas), Nov. 21, time TBA

Celtics: Bucks, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; at Cavaliers, Saturday, 8 p.m.; at Cavaliers, Monday, 7 p.m.

Knicks: at Hornets, Friday, 7 p.m.; Pacers, Monday, 7:30 p.m.; Magic, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Nets: at Pelicans, Friday, 8 p.m.; at Thunder, Sunday, 7 p.m.; Warriors, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

UConn hockey: Boston College, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Providence, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at UMass Lowell, Nov. 20, 6 p.m.

Bruins: at Devils, Saturday, 1 p.m.; Canadiens, Sunday, 7 p.m.; at Flyers, Nov. 20, 7 p.m.

Rangers: at Blue Jackets, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Devils, Sunday, 7 p.m.; Canadiens, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Wolf Pack: at Springfield, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Providence, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Bridgeport, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO**AUTO RACING**

1:55 p.m.: Formula 1 Racing Brazilian Grand Prix, Qualifying, (Live) ESPNU

BASKETBALL

4:30 p.m.: Women's College, Louisville at Arizona, (Live) ESPNU

5 p.m.: Coppell High School vs. Vertical Academy, (Live) NBCSP

6 p.m.: Utah State at Richmond, (Live) CBSN

6:30 p.m.: Western Kentucky at Minnesota, (Live) ESPN

6:30 p.m.: Kent State at Xavier, (Live) FSI

7 p.m.: New York Knicks at Charlotte Hornets, (Live), MSG.

7:30 p.m.: Milwaukee Bucks at Boston Celtics, (Live), ESPN, NBCSB.

8 p.m.: Brooklyn Nets at New Orleans Pelicans, (Live), YES.

8:30 p.m.: Virginia Tech at Navy, (Live) CBSN

8:30 p.m.: Pittsburgh at West Virginia, (Live) ESPN

9 p.m.: Brown at North Carolina, (Live) ACC

9:30 p.m.: Link Year Prep vs. iSchool of Lewisville, (Live) NBCSP

10:05 p.m.: Chicago Bulls at Golden State Warriors, (Live) ESPN

11:30 p.m.: Villanova at UCLA, (Live) ESPN2

FOOTBALL

6 p.m.: Cincinnati at South Florida, (Live) ESPN2

9 p.m.: Wyoming at Boise State, (Live) FS1

GOLF

10 a.m.: Pelican Womens Championship, Second Round, (Live) GOLF

1 p.m.: Houston Open, Second Round, (Live) GOLF

4 p.m.: Charles Schwab Cup Championship, Second Round, (Live) GOLF

1 a.m.: Womens Golf Amateur Asia-Pacific Championship, Final Round, (Live) GOLF

5 a.m.: AVIV Dubai Championship, Third Round, (Live) GOLF

HOCKEY

7 p.m.: College: Boston College at UConn, (Live), WCCT, Radio: 97.9

7 p.m.: Hartford Wolf Pack at Springfield Thunderbirds, (Live), Radio: 1410.

7:30 p.m.: Wisconsin at Notre Dame, (Live) NBCSP

SOCCER

2:30 p.m.: FIFA World Cup 2022 Qualifying Italy vs Switzerland, (Live) ESPN2

8:30 p.m.: FIFA World Cup 2022 Qualifying Canada vs Costa Rica, (Live) SPRINTNET

8:30 p.m.: FIFA Eliminatorias Copas Mundial 2022 (Live) UNI

9 p.m.: FIFA World Cup 2022 Qualifying United States vs Mexico, (Live) ESPN2

VOLLEYBALL

4 p.m.: Womens College, North Carolina at Virginia Tech, (Same-day Tape)

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The Yankees' Aaron Judge, right, seen during an Oct. 3 game against the Rays, becomes a free agent after the 2022 season. **FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP**

YANKEES

A Judge extension won't come cheap

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Aaron Judge has been the Yankees' spokesman, the face of the franchise and considered a potential future captain for years.

The only thing seemingly holding that up, however, would be his future. Judge is a free agent after next season, and the time for the Bombers to extend him is now.

At the general manager meetings in California, Brian Cashman said he had not yet engaged Judge in extension talks but would not rule it out for this winter. Those kinds of negotiations usually come in January, and that would be a great time for the Bombers to lock up their most recognizable player.

It will also be a good time for Judge, who is coming

off his first full healthy and dominating season with the Yankees.

Wednesday night, he was one of the Yankees' five finalists for the All-MLB team along with designated hitter Giancarlo Stanton, starter Gerrit Cole and relievers Aroldis Chapman and Jonathan Loaisiga. Fans can vote on the final team through Nov. 19 and the team will be announced Nov. 23.

The three-time All-Star slashed .287/.373/.544 with a .916 OPS, 39 homers and 93 RBIs in 148 games.

According to Baseball Savant, Judge was among the league leaders in average exit velocity (95.8 miles per hour), max exit velo (119) and hard-hit percentage (58.4%). He led the Yankees in WAR (5.4) this season.

And his overall six-years in the big leagues have been

exceptional, averaging .276/.386/.553 and a .940 OPS. He's the 2017 American League Rookie of the Year, MVP runner-up to Jose Altuve in that same season and a Home Run Derby champion.

But there are some warning signs too. Judge will be turning 30 in April 2022 and has — fairly or not — a history of injuries.

So how do the Yankees navigate a potential extension?

"I don't think you want to go too long term with him, considering he's had injuries," said one former National League executive.

That said, the executive suggested a deal of five years at \$185 million.

"I think there will be an opt-out after three seasons to make it more appealing," he said.

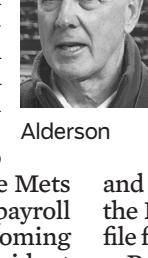
METS

Alderson says luxury tax won't impede spending

By Tim Healey
Newsday

CARLSBAD, Calif. —

Eventually, after or while they hire a general manager and manager and a whole bunch of coaches, the Mets can get to the fun part of the off-season: Bringing in really good baseball players in an attempt to form a really good baseball team.



"You're right to say we'll probably be brushing up against it if not beyond it, just given what we have and given the qualifying offers that are outstanding," Alderson said. "If they're both accepted, we're over."

M i c h a e l Conforto does not plan to accept the one-year, \$18.4 million qualifying offer. Noah Syndergaard's answer is uncertain. Javier Baez and Marcus Stroman are the Mets' other high-profile free agents.

Regarding that big four, Alderson had varying degrees of enthusiasm about the players and his interest in keeping them.

One potential restriction on the Mets' ability to bring in some of the top available free-agent players is their preference to keep both of their first-round picks in the 2022 draft, Nos. 11 and 14.

That would mean staying away from free agents who declined the qualifying offer, the signing of whom comes with the penalty of losing a draft pick. (The Mets can sign Syndergaard and Conforto without that penalty).

The other dozen qualifying-offer players: Brandon Belt, Nick Castellanos, Carlos Correa, Freddie Freeman, Raisel Iglesias, Robbie Ray, Eduardo Rodriguez, Corey Seager, Marcus Semien, Trevor Story, Chris Taylor and Justin Verlander.

"Our first instinct would be to protect those draft picks," Alderson said. "As I've said, Steve's said, we're in this for the long haul."

NFL

Pats have a true veteran leader in long snapper Cardona

By Courant News Services

Joe Cardona provides veteran leadership in the truest sense of the word.

The Patriots long snapper and Naval Academy graduate is a Lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve, and on Veterans Day Cardona addressed his teammates about the meaning of the day.

The message hit home with the players, according to receiver Kendrick Bourne.

"We all just listened with open hearts, man, listening to what they've got to say," he said. "And even [receiver] Malcolm [Perry], he's with the Navy too, so just having guys in the room to explain exactly how things go is just dope. It gives you kind of an inside [look]. It kind of warms your heart about what they do for us."

Cardona said he felt privileged to have the floor in front of his fellow players and coaches.

"One message I tried to convey is that it's been a tough year for a lot of military members and a lot of veterans," he said. "It's been a tough year for everybody overall, but now's the time that we need to rally around those that have done so much for us and done some extremely difficult things, especially when our country seems so divided. That's one group of people that we should be uniting behind."

Cardona, who is in his seventh NFL season, cited the parallels of his passions when it comes to working together.

"Unity is central to everything we do in the military and central to everything we do on a football team," he said. "Common struggle, mutual opponent or enemy, in a common mission are absolutely integral to really coming together to accomplish those goals and ultimately have victory on a friendly field of strife or one that is otherwise."

Meanwhile, the Patriots were still without four key contributors — including their top two ground threats — at Thursday's practice.

Running backs Damien Harris and Rhamondre Stevenson, as well as returner/receiver Gunner Olszewski, remain in the league's concussion protocol, and linebacker Jamie Collins is dealing with an ankle injury.

There's still time for Harris, Stevenson, and Olszewski to clear the five-phase protocol, with Friday's practice and Saturday's walk-through key timing points. The Patriots haven't worked out any free-agent backs or receivers this week, a sign of optimism that the trio could answer the bell for Sunday's home game against the Browns.

— Jim McBride, Boston Globe

JETS

White remains in spotlight

Mike White isn't sure when this wild ride will end. And maybe it won't anytime soon.

The New York Jets quarterback is making his third straight start Sunday against Buffalo, filling in while the injured Zach Wilson heals from a sprained knee ligament. Each time White enters the locker room, his teammates announce his arrival — shouting his name the way Jets fans have from the stands.

"Some of these guys won't stop chanting 'Mike! White!' and it's like it's got to stop at some point, guys," White said with a smile. "It's cool, but you kind of have to brush it off and stay locked in."

What it all means for the future can be everyone else's debate.

White insists his focus is solely on trying to beat the Bills — even if social media and sports talk radio and TV can't get enough of the quarterback who seemingly came out of nowhere to be the talk of the league.

"Yeah, it's kind of crazy," White said. "You've got to soak it in when you can and enjoy it when you can. But it kind of catches you off guard."

— Associated Press

RED SOX

Failure to sign a draft pick could push team toward top free agents

By Alex Speier
Boston Globe

CARLSBAD, Calif. — The Red Sox's failure to sign second-round draft pick Jud Fabian could make it more attractive for them to sign an elite free agent this year.

Come again?

Teams that fail to sign one of their draft picks from the top three rounds are compensated with the next pick in the draft the following year. For instance, when the Astros failed to sign No. 1 overall pick Brady Aiken in the 2014 draft, they received the No. 2 pick in the 2015 draft as compensation — allowing them to select Alex Bregman.

This year, the Red Sox could not sign Fabian, the Florida outfielder they chose with the No. 40 pick. So they'll receive the No. 41 pick in the 2022 draft.

But they not only receive the pick: According to the collective bargaining agreement, it's protected, meaning that a team can't lose the pick for signing a free agent.

Under the current CBA

(which is set to expire Dec. 1), teams like the Sox that a) did not receive revenue-sharing money and b) did not spend past the luxury tax threshold (\$210 million in 2021) have to give up their second-highest draft pick if they sign a free agent who receives a qualifying offer from another team.

In the case of the Sox, the Fabian pick is protected. That means Boston would instead have to part with another second-round pick (likely around No. 65 overall) if it signed a free-agent who received a qualifying offer, such as Carlos Correa or Corey Seager.

So no matter what, the Sox will have both a first-round pick and, thanks to Fabian, an early second-round (No. 41 overall) pick in their draft — something that could make it more palatable to sign a top-tier free agent.

"Any transaction you make, we have to factor in all the costs and benefits of that transaction," said Red Sox general manager Brian O'Halloran. "We would do the same in this case."

Schefter

from Page 1

senior practitioner in the field. By rushing to publicize a single side of a complicated story, Schefter potentially poisoned the well in a domestic violence case.

Haphazard forced apologies can't put that particular toothpaste back in the tube.

Reporters like Robert Klemko, who would know about carefully handling serious allegations against an NFL player,

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Cleveland	7	5	.583	1½
Milwaukee	6	6	.500	2½
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Houston	1	10	.091	6
New Orleans	1	11	.083	6½
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Denver	7	4	.636	1
Portland	5	7	.417	3½
Oklahoma City	4	6	.400	3½
Minnesota	3	7	.300	4½
PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Golden State	10	1	.909	—
Phoenix	7	3	.700	2½
L.A. Clippers	6	4	.600	3½
L.A. Lakers	7	5	.583	3½
Sacramento	5	7	.417	5½

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Toronto 115, Philadelphia 109
Indiana at Utah, late
Miami at L.A. Clippers, late

FRIDAY'S GAMES
New York at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Portland at Houston, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Dallas at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Denver, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Golden State, 10 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Brooklyn 123, Orlando 90
Washington 97, Cleveland 94
Milwaukee 112, New York 100
Boston 104, Toronto 88
Detroit 112, Houston 104
Chicago 117, Dallas 107
Charlotte 118, Memphis 108
Oklahoma City 108, New Orleans 100
San Antonio 136, Sacramento 100
Phoenix 119, Portland 109
Denver 101, Indiana 98
Golden State 123, Minnesota 110
L.A. Lakers 120, Miami 117(OT)

ODDS

NBA		FRIDAY	
FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
New York	1	(225%) at Charlotte	
at Cleveland	5	(off)	Detroit
Milwaukee	2	(off)	at Boston
at Memphis	off	(off)	Phoenix
Portland	6½	(23%) at Houston	
Sacramento	4	(217%) at Okla. City	
at New Orleans	off	(off)	Brooklyn
Dallas	2½	(218%) at San Antonio	
at Denver	off	(off)	Atlanta
at Golden State	5	(22%) Chicago	
at LA Lakers	4½	(off)	Minnesota

FRIDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
Edmonton	-178	at Buffalo	+152
at Toronto	-149	Calgary	+126
at Carolina	-185	Philadelphia	+156
Washington	-137	at Columbus	+116
at Chicago	-200	Arizona	+167

COLLEGE BASKETBALL	FRIDAY	
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
at Minnesota	1½	UCF
at Charlotte	2½	SC-Upstate
at Duke	24	Army
at UCLA	4½	Villanova
Kentucky	23½	Rbt. Morris
at Ohio State	19½	Niagara
at Alabama	12½	S. Dakota St.
at Auburn	24½	La-Monroe
at N. Carolina	22½	Brown
at Purdue	23½	Indiana St.
at Houston	14½	Rice

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

FAVORITE	SP	O/U	UNDERDOG
Cincinnati	23	(57%)	at S. Florida
at Boise State	13½	(48%)	Wyoming

SATURDAY

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

1. Gonzaga (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 5 Texas, Saturday.

2. UCLA (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 4 Villanova, Friday.

3. Kansas (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. Tarleton St., Friday.

4. Villanova (1-0) did not play. Next: at No. 2 UCLA, Friday.

5. Texas (1-0) did not play. Next: at No. 1 Gonzaga, Saturday.

6. Michigan (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 5 Texas, Saturday.

7. Purdue (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14 Villanova, Friday.

8. Villanova (1-0) did not play. Next: at No. 10 Michigan, Friday.

9. Duke (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. Army, Friday.

10. Kentucky (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. Robert Morris, Friday.

11. Illinois (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas St., Friday.

12. Memphis (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. NC Central, Saturday.

13. Oregon (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. SMU, Friday.

14. Alabama (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. S. Dakota St., Friday.

15. Houston (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. Rice, Friday.

16. Arkansas (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. Gardner-Webb, Saturday.

17. Ohio State (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. Niagara, Friday.

18. Tennessee (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. ETSU, Sunday.

19. North Carolina (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. Brown, Friday.

20. Florida State (1-0) did not play. Next: at Florida, Sunday.

21. Maryland (2-0) beat George Wash. 71-64. Next: vs. Vermont, Saturday.

22. Auburn (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas St., Friday.

23. St. Bonaventure (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. Canisius, Sunday.

24. UConn (1-0) beat did not play. Next: vs. Coppin St., Saturday.

25. Virginia (0-1) did not play. Next: vs. Radford, Friday.

THURSDAY'S SCORES

EAST

Maryland 71, George Washington 64

Providence 92, Sacred Heart 64

SOUTH

Liberty 85, Regent University 24

Morgan St. 126, Penn State Greater Allegheny 75

Hawaii 3½ (56%) at UNLV 21

at La-Monroe 21 (62%) at Purdue

Georgia Tech 20 (66%) at Florida St.

Iowa State 11½ (58%) at Texas Tech

at Georgia Tech 2 (54%) Boston Coll.

at La-Tech 7 (57%) Charlotte

at Marshall 4½ (54%) UAB

La-Lafayette 6½ (48%) at Troy

at Mid Tenn. 10 (55%) FIU

FAU 7 (48%) at Old Dom.

at UTSA 33 (54%) So. Miss.

Tulsa 3 (55%) at Tulane

at Michigan St. 13 (61%) Maryland

at Missouri 1 (55%) S. Carolina

UTEP 1 (55%) at North Texas

Hawaii 3½ (56%) at UNLV

at La-Monroe 3 (66%) Arkansas St.

Oregon St. 12½ (55%) Stanford

Kentucky 21 (52%) at Vanderbilt

Akron State 5½ (45%) at Washington

Texas A&M 2½ (45%) at Mississippi

Georgia Tech 2½ (45%) at Colorado St.

Fresno State 24½ (51%) New Mexico

Arkansas 2½ (59%) at LSU

Wake Forest 2 (66%) NC State

Texas 31 (62%) Kansas

Notre Dame 5½ (64%) at Virginia

at Oklahoma St. 13 (54%) TCU

at UCLA 17 (57%) Colorado

at Oregon 14 (57%) Wash. St.

at San Jose St. 4½

FOOTBALL
Saturday: at Clemson, noon, ACC Network

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Saturday: vs. Coppin State, noon, FS2

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL WEEK 10

Bloomfield attempts to stay unbeaten, while Bristol Central takes on Plainville

By Lori Riley
 Hartford Courant

The regular season is winding down as Week 10 is upon us. There are still two unbeaten teams in the area: 8-0 Bloomfield that hosts South Windsor on Friday night, and 7-0 Cromwell/Portland that faces Coginchaug on Saturday afternoon.

In other action, Bristol Central senior quarterback Victor Rosa, who has racked up over 2,000 yards this season, will go up against host Plainville on Friday night.

Here are the key football matchups to watch this week.

Newington at Windsor

Windsor (7-1) has won its last five games and hosts Newington (6-2) Friday at 7 p.m. in a CCC Tier 2 game. Newington dropped games to Glastonbury and Conard but picked it up in the last two weeks, beating Berlin 43-33 and Platt 39-22. Windsor junior quarterback Elijah Cromartie has 17 touchdowns, 1,888 yards passing and eight rushing touchdowns, while senior running back Shawn Bell has racked up 719 yards and seven touchdowns for the Warriors. Newington is led by quarterback Padraig Brown (1,087 yards, 26 touchdown passes).

Bristol Central at Plainville

Bristol Central, which will travel to Plainville on Friday at 6:30 p.m. for a CCC Tier 3 game, is on a seven-game win streak after beating RHAM 34-20 last week. UConn-bound Rosa has 2,080 yards rushing and 28 touchdowns for the Rams (7-1). Plainville (6-2) bounced back from a loss to RHAM with a 34-0 victory over E.O. Smith last week.

South Windsor at Bloomfield

Bloomfield looks to extend its winning streak with a CCC Tier 3 game against South Windsor (6-2) at Bloomfield on Friday night at 7 p.m. The running back duo of junior Conellius Patrick and senior Dallas Rose have combined for over 2,000 yards and 30 touchdowns for the Warhawks. South Windsor quarterback Ethan Laguardia has 16 touchdowns (nine passing, seven rushing). After dropping their first two games, the Bobcats have won six straight.

Cromwell/Portland at Coginchaug/Hale Ray/East Hampton

Cromwell/Portland will put its unbeaten record on the line Saturday at 1



Bristol Central senior QB Victor Rosa, shown against Bloomfield in the first game of the season, Bristol Central's only loss, will take on Plainville Friday night. **SHAWN MCFARLAND/THE COURANT**

p.m. at Coginchaug High in a Pequot Sassafras game. Cromwell shut out the CREC Co-op 54-0 last week. Junior quarterback Cole Brisson has 1,327 passing yards and 19 touchdowns for Cromwell, and Teddy Williams has been his favorite target (13 touchdowns, 637 yards). Coginchaug (5-2) had a bye week last week after two straight losses, to Rockville and Morgan.

Cheney Tech at Quinebaug Valley

Cheney Tech (7-1), which shut out Platt Tech 19-0 last week after a 26-20 overtime win over Thames River, will travel to play Quinebaug Valley (7-1) at Ellis Tech on Friday at 6 p.m. The two

teams are tied for first place in the Connecticut Tech League standings.

Enfield at Manchester

One of these teams will walk away with its first win of the season on Friday night at 6 p.m. at Manchester High. Both are 0-8. Manchester came close against Middletown on Oct. 29 but ended up losing in overtime, 37-34. The Red Hawks lost 34-18 to Wethersfield last week. Enfield has struggled to put points on the board the last two games, losing 35-0 to Middletown last week and 27-6 to Wethersfield the week before.

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Bloomfield

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"I remember the score and how we had the game in our hands and basically just gave up because everybody starting pointing [fingers] at each other," Rose said. "It's different with this team. When we go down, we come together as a team instead of finger-pointing."

"To see us lose like that — it's still a bad feeling in

my stomach. I try to tell the [younger players] about the experience. I don't want to see us go through that again."

Bloomfield, which will host South Windsor on Friday at 7 p.m., has dominated its competition this season. Since the first game, where Rose scored Bloomfield's only touchdown in a 7-6 win over Bristol Central and UConn-bound Victor Rosa, the Warhawks have averaged 42 points per game and allowed opponents a

touchdown or less. Rose's best game was a five-touchdown, 255-yard effort in a 46-7 win over Rocky Hill on Oct. 22. Patrick's best — 161 yards and two touchdowns — came in a 48-0 win over Plainville on Sept. 17. Last Friday, the two combined for four of Bloomfield's five offensive touchdowns in a 40-3 win over Bristol Eastern.

"They both run really hard," Outlaw said. "They both break tackles. They both have that motor where

they just keep coming. Definitely different styles. They're both shifty. They both have power, but [Patrick] is more explosive power. Dallas can shake you, he can power you and he can stiff-arm you."

"They worked really hard in the summertime and it shows. Two great running backs in the state, and they've led this team to an 8-0 record."

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Ducharme

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Auriemma has been impressed with how the college game hasn't seemed too fast for her and how much she, like Fudd, has blended in with his returning players. While she's known as a sharpshooter, she also uses her length effectively to get to the rim, which Auriemma said has been a point of emphasis for the team overall.

"She doesn't need a lot of time. The ball doesn't spend a lot of time in her hands," he said. "One, she cuts really hard. Two, when she catches it, it's up on the rim before the defense has a chance to react. And she makes enough 3s that she gets open lanes to cut and to drive it."

Though teammates have lauded her ability to use her length to get defensive stops as well, Auriemma was quick to call that end of the floor "a work in progress, like it is for most freshmen."

Ducharme has been embracing the high school-

to-UConn learning curve in more ways than one.

"Just the physicality of the game and being able to put work in the weight room and off the court," Ducharme said last week on her growth. "I never really had to put a focus on that, but here everyone's stronger, everyone's faster."

"And then just decision-making on the court. You can't take a second to think because everyone knows what you're doing. So I think just being more efficient and making the right plays, making the right reads and just getting comfortable with everyone. Everyone has a different style, and being a freshman you don't really know how people like to play until you start playing."

Ducharme admitted she was nervous before Sunday's exhibition, her first time playing in a UConn uniform. That showed at times, like in how she missed all four of her 3-point attempts. Still, her all-around game and potential to help in multiple areas stood out more than anything.

She had some nice passes

to hit teammates in the paint and was able to bring up the ball to help start the offense, a good sign that UConn can use her as a secondary facilitator. She crashed the glass and came away with some blocks, reflecting her promise to become a more consistent disruptor on the defensive end.

She had some nice cuts to the rim, including on her first basket off a give-and-go with fellow freshman Amari DeBerry. In another play, she ran the floor in transition, got the ball and stepped around the defender to finish strong through contact. Though she missed the ensuing free throw, she got back to the line after converting another and-one.

"Looked a little bit nervous, a little anxious, but then I thought she did some great things," Auriemma said. "That was more of a typical freshman experience in your first game. When it was good, it looked really good, and when it was bad, it looked really bad, right?"

"I think just for all of us, especially the freshmen, we

were all very nervous [in the exhibition]," Fudd added. "So I think being an exhibition game, getting it over with definitely calms our nerves, and so next game will be better."

With UConn's major players from last year returning, not to mention Fudd and graduate transfer Dorka Juhász carving out their own roles, Ducharme most likely won't be expected to be a critical piece to this team's success. Though based on what Auriemma saw this offseason he expects her to be a regular contributor in some way.

Whatever is needed, starting this Sunday in the season opener versus Arkansas, Ducharme is eager to answer that call.

"Honestly I'm just trying to come to practice every day, work hard, play my role and kind of see what happens," she said. "We have a really deep team, so [I want to do] anything I can do to contribute."

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Mora

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the Falcons to the NFC title game in his first season. He lasted two more years and was fired after a three-year record of 26-22.

He joined the Seattle Seahawks' staff in 2007 and in 2009 was elevated to head coach but was fired after a 5-11 season. He eventually took over at UCLA and reached bowl games his first four years. He was let go in 2017.

Here are some things to know about he Huskies new coach:

Dream job?

Mora had long wanted to coach the Huskies, just not the ones in Storrs.

He played defensive back and linebacker as a walk-on for the Washington Huskies before graduating in 1984. During his career he flirted with his alma mater. While coaching the Atlanta Falcons he told a radio show host he would take the Washington job, which wasn't open at the time, even if the Falcons were in a playoff race. He later said he was joking but Falcons owner Arthur Blank was not amused.

If UConn terminates the contract in 2022, Mora would get 100% of remaining salary, 75% in 2023 and 24, 50% in 2025 and 25% in 2026. If Mora terminates the contract, UConn would get \$8.5 million in "liquidation damages" in 2022, decreasing each year to \$5.25 million, \$4.05 million, \$1.85 million and \$475,000 in 2026.

ers drafted into the NFL, the most of any Pac-12 team during that span, with a first-rounder each year but one. In the NFL, Mora has coached 19 NFL Pro Bowl players.

Contract details

Mora made as much as \$3.5 million per year at UCLA where he was the highest-paid California state employee in 2013.

On Thursday Mora signed a memo of understanding, the precursor of a five-year contract at UConn which starts with a base salary of \$400,000, with \$11 million in supplemental compensations for services performed on behalf of UConn. This is customary for coaching contacts at UConn, and it will increase by \$100,000 each year.

Mora can earn up to \$200,000 each year in performance bonuses, yet to be determined for the formal contract. These bonuses will be contingent on UConn's APR score remaining above 950.

He will earn "retention bonuses" of \$200,000 each year through 2023, \$300,000 through 2026.

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Vision

"We have to make incremental gains every single day," Mora said. "We cannot waste a moment in our pursuit of regaining respect and becoming competitive. It's a perpetual journey. We have to find ways to measure our success outside of the scoreboard initially — *initially*.

"I think the thing you'll find out about me as we go on, I'm very competitive, very passionate and I don't really relent a whole lot. It's all about building and maintaining and cultivating the right culture, the right environment, where every day, everybody in that building is fully committed — *fully committed* to doing the things we need to do to gain ground."

Charity work

The Mora family runs the "Count On Me Family Foundation," which helps at-risk children from low-income backgrounds, children with mental and physical disabilities or a lack of stability or support.

Mora has four children and said Thursday he wants to hire assistant coaches "that parents would be comfortable sending their sons to."

Moving on and upward

During his years at UCLA, Mora had 30 play-

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Indianapolis Colts head coach Jim Mora, left, is greeted by his son San Francisco 49ers defensive coordinator Jim Mora in 2001. **DARRON CUMMINGS/AP**



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Newton makes return to Panthers



Superman has returned. Whether or not Cam Newton can rescue the Panthers' sinking season remains to be seen. The Panthers (4-5) announced they've signed Newton to a one-year contract, bringing him back to the franchise that drafted him No. 1 overall in 2011 — and later cut him prior to the 2020 season. The deal is worth \$10 million, including \$4.5 million in fully guaranteed money and a \$1.5 million roster bonus. "A healthy Cam Newton is a special player," Panthers coach Matt Rhule said. The Panthers were in need of a quarterback with starter Sam Darnold out at least four weeks with an incomplete fracture of his right shoulder blade. Newton won't start Sunday against the Cardinals, but GM Scott Fitterer said Newton "came here to play." Newton spent nine seasons with the Panthers, throwing for 29,041 yards with 182 TD passes and 111 interceptions. He also set an NFL record for most career TDs rushing by a QB during his tenure. Newton was the league MVP in 2015 and helped the Panthers reach Super Bowl 50. He played for the Patriots in 2020 but was cut before this season.

US picks Cincinnati to host vs Mexico

In choosing new TQL Stadium for Friday night's World Cup qualifier against Mexico, the U.S. Soccer Federation selected a city with a 3% Hispanic population in a state that ranks 42nd among the 50 in that demographic.

"When you're talking about a World Cup qualifier, it's really important to have a pro-U.S. crowd, and whether that's Latinos in the stands or not, we want a pro-U.S. crowd," U.S. coach Gregg Berhalter said. "And it's not always easy to ensure it. I think we learned from mistakes in the past."

Ninth-ranked Mexico leads North and Central America and the Caribbean with 14 points and the No. 13 U.S. is second with 11 points heading into Friday's game.

With Berhalter as coach, the U.S. has drawn three overwhelmingly pro-American crowds. It opened in an NFL venue in September, Nissan Stadium in Nashville, Tennessee, and drew 43,028 for a 1-1 draw against Canada.

The next three home matches were set for new Major League Soccer homes, where smaller ticket allotments facilitate targeted distribution to season-ticket holders and supporters. A 2-0 win over Jamaica drew 20,500 last month to Q2 Stadium in Austin, Texas, and a victory over Costa Rica was seen by 20,165 at Lower.com Field in Columbus, Ohio.

Villa calls on Liverpool great Gerrard



It won't be long before Liverpool great Steven Gerrard is back at Anfield as a Premier League manager. Not in charge of his boyhood team, though. Gerrard was hired as Aston Villa manager on Thursday, ending a 3 1/2-year stint in Scottish soccer where he transformed the fortunes of Rangers and ended the long-time dominance of Glasgow rival Celtic. It will be the 41-year-old Gerrard's first senior coaching role in England and many expect him to one day lead Liverpool, the team where he played 710 matches — many as captain — and is widely regarded as one of its greatest players. How strange it will feel, then, when he returns to Anfield in charge of a different club. Villa plays at Liverpool on Dec. 11 for the fourth match with his new team. Villa finished in 11th place in the Premier League last season but has regressed since selling captain Jack Grealish for a league-record fee of \$139 million in the offseason. Gerrard, who led Rangers to the Scottish league title last season in an undefeated campaign and ended Celtic's run of nine straight titles, will coach his first game for Villa against Brighton on Nov. 20. —AP



Former league MVP Patrick Mahomes is completing just 65.2% of his passes with 20 TDs and 10 INTs this season. ED ZURGA/AP

NFL

No passing the buck

Mahomes: Fixing Chiefs' problems starts with me

By Dave Skretta

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Patrick Mahomes has always been the solution to whatever problems ail the Chiefs.

The defense giving up gobs of yards and too many points to their opponent? Mahomes can outscore them.

Special teams is making blunders and causing poor field position? Mahomes can overcome it.

Wide receivers can't get open? Mahomes can sling the ball so hard and so accurately that it doesn't matter.

Yet midway through by far the most trying season of Mahomes' professional career, and with the Chiefs fortunate to be in the hunt for an AFC West title that seems like their birthright, the question critics are beginning to ask is unthinkable: Has their half-billion dollar quarterback become the problem rather than the solution?

"There's a challenge that we didn't start the season the way we wanted to. But I think these last few weeks, we've shown we can win different ways," Mahomes said. "The defense is playing good, special teams is playing good, and we're doing enough as an offense right now. That comes with the adversity we've kind of gone through these last few seasons."

"We've learned how to win games even when it's not pretty," Mahomes continued. "Offensively we want to play better, but at the end of the day,

I'd rather win and not play great offensively than like earlier in the season, when we played great on offense but lost. You want to play as a team and I think that's the biggest thing."

Indeed, the Chiefs defense is finally starting to turn things around after an historically bad start. But whether that has to do with corrections made on their part or the fact that they've faced the dismal Giants and Aaron Rodgers-less Packers the last two weeks is another subject worthy of a spirited discussion.

What isn't up for debate is that Mahomes is in the most prolonged slump of his career.

He's completing 65.2% of his passes for 2,534 with 20 touchdown throws and 10 interceptions for a 92.9 rating. All those numbers are the lowest through the first nine games of Mahomes' career — except for picks, which is ticking upward.

Last week's game, a 13-7 defense-led victory over the Packers, proved a perfect example. With the Packers playing the heavy Cover-2 defense that teams are using to take away deep shots to Tyreek Hill and Travis Kelce, the Chiefs managed 166 yards through the air — the fewest of Mahomes' career in a game he's completed — and 237 yards of total offense.

Mahomes was 0-for-5 on deep passes, too, and the Chiefs went three-and-out four times after their opening TD drive.

"Sometimes you got to go through some tough stuff to get to the good stuff," Chiefs coach Andy Reid acknowledged, "and that's the way I'm looking at it now."

"You find out about yourself as a football team when everything's not perfect."

Make no mistake: Reid has been under just as much of a microscope as his star quarterback.

The Chiefs have struggled to solve the defensive riddle first introduced by the Buccaneers in the Super Bowl and used by just about every opponent since then. By refusing to give up the deep shot, defenses are forcing both Reid and Mahomes to harness their natural desire to go for the deep shot and instead dink-and-dunk their way downfield.

Two years ago, when the Chiefs won the Super Bowl, Mahomes threw 19 touchdown passes that traveled at least 20 yards, and he averaged 8.8 air yards per attempt and 6.5 per catch.

Last year, when the Chiefs returned to the title game, Mahomes hit on 15 touchdown passes of at least 20 yards and averaged 8.4 air yards per attempt and 6.3 per catch.

This year he has six touchdown throws of at least 20 yards while averaging 7.8 air yards per attempt and 5.1 per catch.

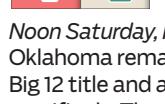
"Every team has kind of their own little thing they do here and there, but it's a lot of the same defenses that we've seen all year long," Mahomes said. "It just comes down to execution, and I keep saying it over and over again, but when you don't execute in this league, you don't score points. You've seen that these last few weeks, and you saw in the weeks when we were executing we were scoring points. That's just on us to execute at a higher level."

"And that starts with me."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL GAMES TO WATCH

Big 12, ACC races finally take shape

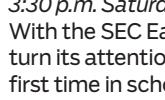
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No. 8 Oklahoma (9-0) at No. 13 Baylor (7-2)

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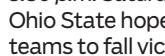
Oklahoma remains in the hunt for its seventh straight Big 12 title and a possible spot in the College Football Playoff semifinals. The Sooners, No. 8 in the latest CFP rankings, have one win against a ranked team (Texas) and could use another to impress the playoff selection committee. Baylor is coming off a stunning loss to TCU that set the Bears back in their hopes of returning to the conference championship for the second time in the last three years. Oklahoma quarterback Caleb Williams has completed 74% of his passes for 1,087 yards and 14 TDs with an interception over the last four games.



No. 1 Georgia (9-0) at Tennessee (5-4)

3:30 p.m. Saturday, CBS

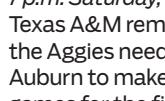
With the SEC East crown already in hand, Georgia can turn its attention to going 8-0 in conference play for the first time in school history. The Bulldogs lead the nation in scoring defense, allowing 6.6 points per game. They've surrendered just five total TDs this season. Tennessee, which has lost four straight games to Georgia, leads the nation in offensive plays per minute at 2.92. The last time the Volunteers knocked off a top-ranked team was in 1985 when they upset then-No. 1 Auburn 38-20.



No. 19 Purdue (6-3) at No. 4 Ohio State (8-1)

3:30 p.m. Saturday, ABC

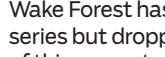
Ohio State hopes to avoid becoming the latest top-five teams to fall victim to Purdue. The Boilermakers knocked off Iowa (24-7), then No. 2 in the AP poll, and Michigan State (40-29), then No. 3 in the CFP rankings, so a win against the Buckeyes would be the trifecta. A win wouldn't only throw the Big Ten East race into a tizzy, it would most likely knock Ohio State out of the playoff picture. Purdue's David Bell could cement his status as the best wide receiver in the country with another prolific performance. The junior accounted for 22 catches and 457 yards in the wins against the Hawkeyes and Spartans.



No. 11 Texas A&M (7-2) at No. 15 Ole Miss (7-2)

7 p.m. Saturday, ESPN

Texas A&M remains in the hunt for an SEC West title, but the Aggies need Alabama to lose to either Arkansas or Auburn to make it happen. Ole Miss hopes to win eight games for the first time since 2015. To do so, the Rebels must contend with a Texas A&M defense that's allowed 31 points the last three games. Aggies running back Isaiah Spiller has rushed for over 100 yards in three straight games and is 127 yards away from back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons.



No. 16 NC State (7-2) at No. 12 Wake Forest (8-1)

7:30 p.m. Saturday, ACC Network

Wake Forest has won three of the last four games in this series but dropped last year's contest 45-42. The winner of this one gets the inside track on the ACC Atlantic title. NC State has the best scoring defense in the conference, allowing 16 points per game, and has given up a league-best two rushing TDs this season. Wake Forest quarterback Sam Hartman has passed for 300-plus yards in five straight games, including 398 yards in a loss to North Carolina last week.

Other top 25 games of note

No. 9 Notre Dame (8-1) at Virginia (6-3): The Cavaliers are hopeful star QB Brennan Armstrong (ribs) will play.

No. 6 Michigan (8-1) at Penn State (6-3): The Nittany Lions are trying to play spoiler to the Wolverines, who still have Big Ten championship and CFP hopes.

Minnesota (6-3) at No. 20 Iowa (7-2): The Hawkeyes have won six straight in the battle for Floyd of Rosedale.



Oklahoma quarterback Caleb Williams has kept the 9-0 Sooners in the hunt for a CFP berth since replacing Spencer Rattler last month.
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WEATHER

FRIDAY			SATURDAY			SUNDAY			MONDAY			TUESDAY		
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